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'It's no different than the pet rock fad'

By SALLY SENTRY
Correspondent

DEAD FOLKS' ASHES SOLD AS SOUVENIRS!

The owner of a crematorium has come under fire from the funeral industry for selling "pet people" — the ashes of incinerated corpses packaged in colorful, coffin-shaped boxes!

But Juan Perez Garcia defends the practice, saying that sales of "pet people" don't harm anyone and actually help people cope with their fears of death.

"It's no different than the pet rock fad a few years back," said Garcia of Americana, Brazil. "My customers understand this and take no offense. In fact, they love it!

"The only people who seem to take exception are my peers in the funeral industry.

"They are terrified of getting bad press," said Garcia, "and maybe a little envious of my success."

Garcia, owner of Garcia's Crematorium in Americana, hit on the idea to sell the ashes of customers to the general public last December.

He ran several small newspaper ads offering the ashes in designer coffin-shaped boxes for $9.95.

He was instantly swamped with orders and is now operating his crematorium around the clock just to keep up with demand.

"I have many, many customers who cannot afford to cremate or bury their dead loved ones so they allow me to sell the ashes in return for cremating their corpses for free," said Garcia.

"It sounds distasteful but that's just not so. If I wasn't doing this, these impoverished people would be left to their own devices.

"I can't think of anything more distasteful than that."

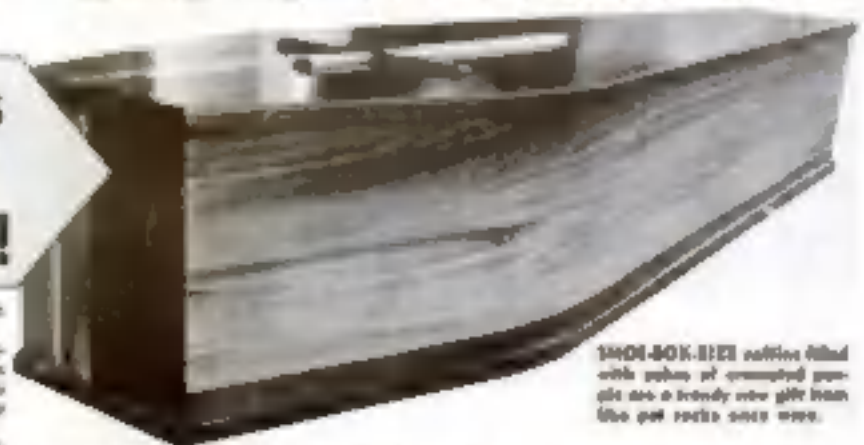
Others in the funeral industry couldn't disagree more. Garcia has been condemned as a charlatan and criminal in at least two trade publications.

And Brazil's Society of Professional Funeral Directors is threatening to take Garcia to court in an attempt to strip him of his funeral license.

"If they want to go to court, I'll go to court," said Garcia. "I challenge anyone to prove that what I am doing is wrong."

Julio Fernando has already bought 10 "pet people" in the shoe-box-size coffins and he thinks they're the "greatest novelty in the world."

"I kept one for myself and gave the rest away as gifts," he said. "I really got a kick out of them."



Each comes in its own little coffin!

MINI-BOX-IES ashes filled with ashes of cremated people are a trendy new gift item the pet rocks once were.

Wife and baby killer freed by bleeding-heart judge!

A man convicted of murdering his young wife and month-old son as they slept won't serve a day in prison — because of a bleeding-heart judge.

"You have punished yourself enough," said Lord Dunpark as he freed Graham Sherman, 21, in Aberdeen, Scotland.

Sherman admitted blasting his wife, Michelle, 22, and baby Josh as they slept in the family's home last November. He didn't know why.

After the slayings, he called cops and said, "I've just shot my wife and son."

"You will have to live with this for the rest of your life," Lord Dunpark told him.

A-door-able!

Richard and Nancy Hoyt of Voorheesville, N.Y., aren't taking any chances that they'll forget which garage is theirs. The signs tell the story.

Gal who walked & talked like a guy had everyone fooled!

High school's hottest Romeo was really a GIRL!

MARY Medarco allegedly called herself "Maria" and posed as a phony twin brother in order to date other teenage girls, say cops.

By SUSAN SIMPSON
Staff writer

Horrified high school girls are reeling in shock after police arrested a boy they had dated — and made love to — and revealed their date was really a girl!

Mary Louise Medarco, 17, of Muskegon, Mich., disguised herself as a boy named Maria, police say, and had sexual relations with at least two 15-year-old girls.

One of the girls pressed charges after she learned through her school grapevine that Medarco was a female.

"She would pass as a boy named Maria," said Chief Thomas Kolombo of the Roosevelt Park Police Department. "She was passing herself off as twins.

"When she was a boy she had a boy's voice, a boy's mannerisms. The victims' parents and friends thought she was a boy. There's a whole list of girls that dated her. She would have intercourse with some of them, using a rubber device."

Medarco faces five years in prison if she is convicted of [illegible] or procuring [illegible] indecency between females, the charge now pending against her. She is currently out on bail, Chief Kolombo said.

An attorney for the teen-aged defendant says she plans to plead not guilty to the charges.

Chief Kolombo says Medarco stole the hearts of her beautiful lovers at a local skating rink. A high school dropout, she was enrolled in a special school for alternative education but rarely attended.

"She would hang around the roller rink with her friends and she met the two victims there," Chief Kolombo said.

"Her friends thought she was twins. If she'd come as a girl, Mary, they'd ask her where the boy, Maria, was and she'd tell them he was out with the guys that night.

"When she dated, she bound her breasts with ace bandages. She used a rubber penis in love sex. She'd put her jeans on over the device and screw both her penis off completely so her victims — who were inexperienced anyway — never knew what was going on."

Medarco's bizarre romances included one attractive 15-year-old girl who went out with her on New Year's Eve and had sex for the first time, Chief Kolombo said. The girl was later told by friends at her high school that Maria was actually a girl named Mary, he said. The devastated teen went immediately to her parents, who contacted police.

"I thought I'd seen everything," said Prosecutor Tony Tagg, after Medarco's arraignment. "But this is really bizarre."

She dated teen beauties, say cops

Wacko fugitive dares police:

'Catch me if you can'

Cops have caught the fugitive who taunted them with phone calls and letters, saying things like:

. . . & they do!

"Hi Dingbats. Son, run as fast as you can, you can't catch me.

"I'm the gingerbread man."

Deborah Ulrich, 43, was taken into custody as she left her son's apartment in Hollywood, Calif., according to police.

She had been a fugitive since jumping bail in 1987. Following her arrest, police said they found $85,000 worth of cocaine in her apartment.

After posting $80,000 bail, the wrecath fled but kept in touch with police by harassing them with phone calls and letters. A recent tip led them to her trail

Study: Jericho's walls did come tumbling down!

Bible right on the mark!

By DICK DONOVAN

A new archaeological study has proven beyond a doubt that when Joshua "lit" the battle of Jericho, ram horns blared for seven days — and the walls surrounding the city did come tumbling down!

"When we compare the archaeological evidence at Jericho with the biblical narrative describing the Israelite [illegible] remarkable agreement," said archaeologist Bryant Wood of the University of Toronto, Canada.

Wood's study refutes an earlier one that pooh-poohed the biblical version of Jericho's fall as just so much religious folklore.

Wood said his study involved extensive ceramic remnants and a carbon-14 sample as well as other evidence which supports the biblical ac-

Attempt to force Satan out of girl's body backfires, when . . .

PRIEST BURSTS

INTO FLAMES DURING EXORCISM!

Father Luis Ponce

Holy man's horrible death rocks Vatican!

By DAVID TANNER

A Catholic priest exploded in flames when a demon-possessed schoolgirl attacked him with balls of white-hot energy that shot from the palms of her hands!

The death of Father Luis Ponce stunned church officials who called the holy man "one of the premier exorcists of this century or any other."

"We knew Father Ponce was in for a fight but never expected anything like this," said a Vatican spokesman who requested anonymity.

"What happened to him is beyond human comprehension. Our only understanding will come from God." The tragic exorcism unfolded after the parents of the 9-year-old girl visited Father Ponce at his parish and asked him to do something for their daughter.

Neither the girl nor her parents, who live in Barcelona, Spain, were identified in reports.

But the Vatican official said the child was perfectly normal until March 21, when she underwent a complete transformation of personality and tried to stab her parents with a kitchen knife.

"She seemed to possess superhuman strength and became unbelievably violent," said the official. "According to my information she strangled her pet cat and stabbed a schoolmate with a broken bottle. She cursed violently, and ugly cuts and bruises appeared on her face and body for no reason whatsoever."

"In his report prior to the exorcism Father Ponce said, 'The girl is definitely possessed. There is no psychological or physical explanation for her behavior. An evil spirit has taken control and an exorcism is mandatory.'"

Father Ponce chose three seasoned assistants to help him perform the exorcism and arrived at the family's home at 10 a.m. on March 28, said the official. The girl instantly lashed out at the priest with a torrent of curses — then shook violently and began to claw at her body when he held out a crucifix and began to pray.

"The exorcism took a turn for the worse," said the official. "As they Ponce sprinkled holy water on the girl while his assistants held her in bed and the room filled with the smell of rotting flesh. Blue spit veined the demon-enraged from the girl's mouth, exposing black, scaly skin and a face so horrifying her mother threw up.

"When the demon returned to the child's body she broke away from Father Ponce's assistants.

"Blood began to flow from her eyes as she raised her hands to chest level. Her body began to shake. Then two balls of energy shot from her hands and hit Father Ponce in the chest, burning him as badly as if you had soaked him in gasoline and struck a match.

"I'm told that he literally exploded in flames.

"A few seconds later the girl returned to normal and had no recollection of what had happened. We don't know whether Father Ponce banished the demon prior to his death or if it left on its own."

Spanish authorities acknowledged that the incident is under investigation but referred all questions to the Vatican.

Satanism growing like wildfire, warns expert

Recent exorcisms in N.Y. spotlight rite

Psychic's chilling account of unwed mother's exorcism

THE DEVIL'S MUSIC

At least two exorcisms have been performed in New York City in the past year and a top church official warns that satanic activity is on the rise everywhere.

In a sermon in St. Patrick's Cathedral, John Cardinal O'Connor noted that law enforcement officials are now meeting regularly to discuss and find ways to curtail satanic cult activity.

And he squarely blamed some types of rock music for contributing to dangerous [illegible] suicide. "Some music is a help to the Devil," Cardinal O'Connor told his parishioners in a Sunday sermon. "And diabolically instigated violence is on the rise."

Cardinal O'Connor went on to say that two exorcisms had been performed in the New York Archdiocese in the past year.

Edward Warren, a psychic researcher claims to have witnessed one of these exorcisms.

He said a 30-year-old unwed mother levitated furniture, spoke in a gruff, deep voice and furiously attacked the exorcist before he successfully banished the demon that possessed her.

Shocking news for homeowners:

RENTERS LIVE LONGER!

Renters live longer than homeowners by an average of five years. They also enjoy a better quality of life because the stress and strain of maintaining a home can turn a person's life into a living hell!

By ED CLARK

"It's true," said sociologist Bill Darling, who conducted a survey of homeowners and renters worldwide. "Owning a home can take years off your life and make the time you do have miserable.

"Conventional wisdom calls up that homeowners have it made. In fact, the opposite is true."

In his survey Dr. Darling discussed the pros and cons of renting and owning with over 8,000 adult men and women.

He also compared the longevity of homeowners and renters who died between 1984 and 1989 and found that renters, on an average, live 5.3 years longer.

"There are merits to home ownership," said the expert. "Obviously there are tax breaks and the satisfaction of knowing that you have something substantial that belongs to you.

"But that pales before the hassle of renting. Renters pay a set fee every month and never have to worry about maintenance.

"That means they suffer less stress. And because they don't have to fiddle with upkeep and repairs they have more quality time on their hands." The expert stopped short of recommending that people rent instead of buy their homes.

He did urge them to "think carefully before making a move that could torment them for the rest of their lives."

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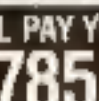

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Judge busted for giving breast exams in a bar!

By GLORIA THOMPSON
Correspondent

A respected judge was arrested and charged with impersonating a doctor after he was caught giving breast exams in a crowded tavern!

Claude Jennings Johnson allegedly portrayed himself as a family practitioner to lady patrons of Diamond's Bar and offered free breast screenings.

He reportedly doodled 32 women before a male customer recognized him as a judge and called police.

"He thought he was being real slick," said Police Captain Ted Teter of Pretoria, South Africa. "He had apparently been drinking quite heavily when his lustful desires got the best of him.

"He told the ladies that the local health authority had authorized him to give the breast exams and could save them a $50 doctor fee.

"It's hard to believe, but a lot of them did."

Judge Johnson was released after posting $5,000 bail but refused to discuss the charges against him. A spokesman for the local bar association was shocked to learn of the judge's arrest, saying that he had excellent credentials and an impeccable record prior to his shenanigans in the tavern.

Mary Wheeler was one of the women who took Judge Johnson up on his offer. Now she's furious — and threatening "to sue the pants off that lying bum."

"I should have suspected that something was wrong because he smelled of liquor and gave me the longest breast examination I've ever had," said Miss Wheeler.

"If I ever get my hands on that creep, I'll kill him."

If convicted as charged, Judge Johnson faces a $10,000 fine and a prison term of up to five years. He could also have his law license revoked or suspended and be ousted as a judge.

"He's in a peck of trouble," a spokesman for the bar association said.

He's charged with posing as a doc

LOOKER!

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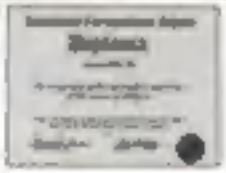

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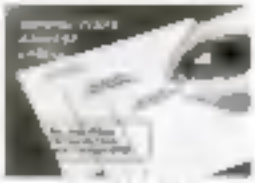

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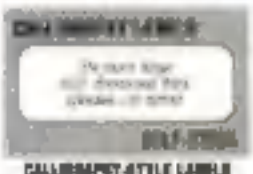

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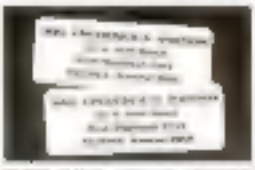

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The crew of the Orient Challenger — GONE!

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Every time a celebrity's photo is added to my collection — they die!

By JOE **SEGGER**

Staff writer

Star-crazy David Brazier has collected autographed photos of celebrities from around the world. But dumbfounded Dave dreads the thought of adding to his gallery — because every time he does, somebody dies!

"Each time I get a new picture in the mail, the person in the picture winds up dead within a week or two," the frantic photo buff told reporters.

"And even the few who didn't die had something awful happen to them within days after I added them to my collection.

"I'm terrified to send away for a photo of anybody I admire because I know I'm under some kind of terrible curse. My hobby makes people die."

The latest victim of the nervous clerk's gallery of doom was moneybags Malcolm Forbes, who dropped dead of a heart attack just days after his signed picture slid through Dave's mail slot in Chelmsford, England.

"I sent away for Forbes' photo some time ago, and I was really worried when it arrived," said flabbergasted Dave, 28. "Three days later I picked up the paper and saw he had hit the dust — just like the rest of them.

"It sent chills running up my spine."

'I'm under some kind of terrible CURSE!'

Rich Nelson, Lucille Ball, Rock Hudson, Jack Benny and Bing Crosby all died shortly after they became a part of Dave's deadly collection.

Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi and Swedish Prime Minister Olof Palme were assassinated just days after Dave got their pictures. Less than a week after the hapless bachelor received a photo of President Reagan, would-be assassin John Hinckley Jr. gunned the President down on a Washington, D.C., street.

And four days after he got his long-awaited picture of Liberace, the flamboyant entertainer died.

PHOTO held David Brazier says he's terrified to seek more celebrity photos for his collection for fear they'll die!

Then the Orient Challenger exploded in flames and sank, and the crew's photo was added to Dave's collection. Only one crewman survived the disaster.

Then the space shuttle blew up — killing everyone on board.

"I'd like to think it's all just terrible coincidence, but I'm worried that it's something worse than that," said the shook-up collector.

"What started out as an innocent hobby has turned into

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A 27-year-old man considered himself so ugly that he cut off his nose to spite his face!

He also sliced off an ear and slashed his head and face with a kitchen knife that he sharpened just for the occasion, authorities said.

The razor-blowing act of self-mutilation almost killed Jackie Jackson because he lost a tremendous amount of blood and almost bled to death.

Surgeons say it will take at least six operations to replace the man's severed nose with one made of plastic.

But they won't be able to begin until he undergoes months of psychotherapy to overcome the self-hatred that prompted him to saw off his nose and cut up his face in the first place.

"I've never seen anything like it," said Dr. Phillip Simpson, Jackson's doctor.

"This young man picked up a butcher knife and literally carved the nose off his face.

"The pain had to be blinding. But he endured it and didn't stop cutting and slashing himself until he had lopped off an ear and severed vessels in his face and head that took over 250 stitches to close."

In the only interview granted since he was admitted to the hospital, Jackson at Capetown, South Africa, said he was alone when he decided to cut himself up.

He could ask to explain that he hated himself because, "I'm the ugliest man in the world."

"If you could see me without these bandages on my face you'd probably turn and run," he said. "I look like a cross between a monster and a pig."

"I've got bitter teeth and crooked teeth. I've never had a date because I scare girls off."

Shrinkers claim before Jackson attempted suicide he'd been suffering from a staggering fat load.

People who have seen the photos describe Jackson as having average looks ruined only by his nose that perfectly fattened and probably the best looking features on his face.

He pals say too much emphasis on his looks. Dr. Simpson said.

— ALICE CLAY

PATHETIC. Jackie Jackson nearly died to death.

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Princess Di warns Prince Charles:

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'. . . If you do it one more time — we're through!'

Britain's peeved Princess Di has ordered her chowderheaded husband Charles to stop sticking toothpaste up his nose — and she's vowed to walk out on him if he does it one more time!

"You pull that toothpaste stunt again and we are through," the infuriated lady warned her henpecked Prince.

The Princess was perturbed when chickenhearted Charlie admitted he squirts toothpaste up his honker every night to stop his jackhammer snoring — so he doesn't interrupt domineering Di's beauty sleep.

"If I keep her awake, she reads me the riot act," he said with a shudder.

The window-rattling royal snore hit bizarre stimulation while visiting with an old pal who'd been flunked out of his house in Wales.

Retired Ronald Squire mentioned to the Prince that he drives his family crazy with his snoring — so helpful Charles suggested he try the old toothpaste-up-the-schnoz trick. Charles even stuck his fingers up near to his nose to demonstrate how he did it.

RIGHT: Princess Diana is not amused by her husband Prince Charles's toothpaste stunt.

But royal hubby says it cures his snoring!

Square later told reporters, "But there's no doubt he's an extremely good sleeper when it comes to snoring remedies."

"Charles' cure is just plain daft," said British expert Dr. Vernon Coleman.

"We can breathe a little easier knowing he is unlikely to pursue a full-time career in medicine." — *London Sun*

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Stage-and-dance delight Paula Abdul says she did some of her fanciest footwork as a cheerleader for the L.A. Lakers — but there's one routine pretty Paula would love to forget.

"We were all dressed in funny pi-

SHOCKER: Prince Charles stuffs his nostrils extra with toothpaste to avoid a snoring.

man outfits," the superstar choreographer recalled. "But when we ran onto the court, the girl tromped into Magic Johnson, and a bunch of us fell over like dominoes.

"I laughed so hard, and, well, I have the weakest bladder. It was an embarrassing." — *People*.

★ ★ ★

Moneybags **Malcolm Forbes** was on the tube discussing the possibility of heaven and hell just two weeks before his sudden death.

"I'm afraid," said the king of capitalism, "that the bulk of my fortune will be spent on air conditioners. I'm talking with me." — *San Francisco Chronicle*

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Charity bigwigs raffled off a $10,000 car, a set of luggage and a trip to Gambling — and fat-cat funnyguy **Bob Hope** won 'em all.

"Isn't that amazing," bewildered Bob gushed after being notified he'd hit the jackpot. "I never win anything."

Old Ski Nose was working and couldn't attend the charity bash for ablaze kids in Beverly Hills. But he chartered up five raffle tickets at $1,000 a pop.

So what'll Bob do with his new car?

"I don't know," he says. "But I can use the luggage." — *Fort Lauderdale Sun-Sentinel*

★ ★ ★

Super singer **Gloria Estefan** has ditched her famous curls in favor of long, straight locks — on orders from her 8-year-old son Nayib.

"Nayib's favorite cartoon character is Rapunzel," says the queen of the Miami Sound Machine. "I think he is in love

SMILING Ozzy Osbourne says he records are misunderstood

Hell-raiser Ozzy Osbourne says he's no devil's disciple

Rabid rocker Ozzy Osbourne says he'll be the last off a live bat to its throat for his teeny-bopper fans. But the dear, sweet boy is mad as hell at a Catholic cardinal who rallied his music "a help to the devil."

New York's John Cardinal O'Connor blamed Ozzy's song *Suicide Solution* as the kind of music that "can help trap people, especially teenagers" in satanic cults.

But enraged Ozzy says that's hooey.

"You are ignorant about the meaning of my songs," the high priest of heavy metal sniffed in a telegram to the Cardinal. "You have insulted the intelligence of rock fans all over the world."

Ozzy, who's had some renowned bouts with the bottle, says *Suicide Solution* is an anti-boozing tune about a friend who died of alcoholism. — *New York Post*

the stage and swears she says he can't stand being around drunks.

"They're so boring," he says. — *London Daily Express*

★ ★ ★

Wolf star **Jack Scalia** was so hooked on booze and cocaine 10 years ago that he climbed into a wooden ledge 10 stories up and contemplated hopping to his death — till the voice of God urged him to go on living:

"I made a lot of money. I had a swanky penthouse apartment. I had a dream job working with beautiful women every day — and I was the most miserable person on the face of the earth," the handsome actor recalled.

But as the former baseball star was

TV's Elvis throws his weight around

with the long-haired princess and he told me I should look like that.

"I was thinking of changing my style, so I lost the curls." — *London Sun*

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There was a time when big band boss **Tommy Dorsey** was dying to get 17-year-old singing sensation **Hal Tarnes** to hook up with him, but he couldn't figure out how to entice the teenager into the fold.

So, according to Chip Deffaa's new book *Swing Legacy*, Dorsey recruited his starlet wife Pat Dane to appear before Tarnes and expose her wondrous breasts.

But the scheme failed when mortified Hal got so flustered he dashed out of the house and refused to take the bandleader's follow-up phone calls. — *New York Post*.

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The hired hands at a ritzy Big Apple eatery figure Elvis star **Michael St. Gerard** ain't nothin' but a hound dog. The would-be King strolled into the posh restaurant, refused to check his coat — then dropped it on the floor and directed the waiters d' to "pick it up." — *New York Daily News*

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Hell-raising **Richard Harris** has spent a good chunk of his life around the gals, but after eight years on the wagon,

turned on the brink of suicide, a spiritual experience saved his work.

"I heard God's voice saying, 'If you want to change, stay here and reach out. I'll be there.'" Scalia said. "I called my agent and had him book me into a rehab center the next day.

"For the first time in my life, I felt at peace with myself." — *Woman's World*

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And soon **Stevie Wonder** won't have all the moolah he needs for new. The Motown magician turned down a cool $1 million to play a one-night stand in Japan. — *New York Post*.

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Ol' **Sonny Bono** plays a mobster on *The Penguin and Mr. Smalls*, and he says he knows a thing or two about gangsters.

"The first job I ever had was in a nightclub and the owner was a guy who called himself 'Al Brown.'" Sonny recalled. "His name was, I found out, he was Al Capone." — *San Francisco Examiner*

Stevie Wonder rejects $1 million for one concert!

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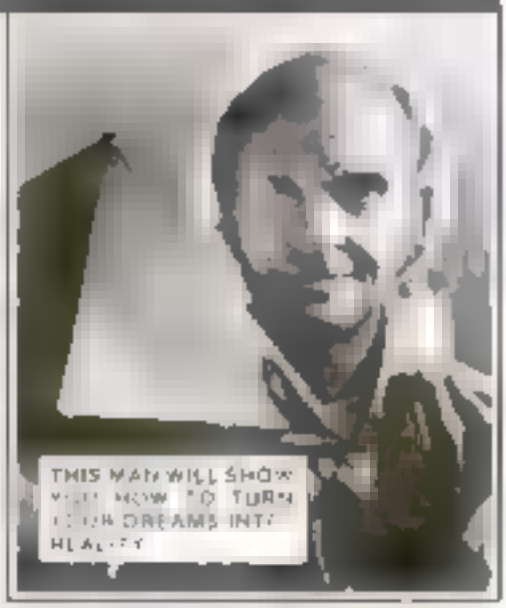

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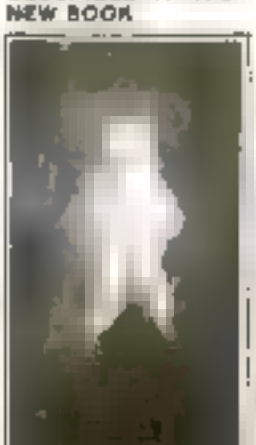

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By ROSE GRADY

It was a bittersweet sentimental journey back through time for retired Tennessee schoolmarm Louise Brown Pitts when she reunited with 10 of the first-grade students she taught — back in 1925.

For a few brief hours the memories of these happy, carefree days warmed the hearts of the stern-but-kind teacher once known as "Ol' Lady Brown" and the ragamuffin tykes she instructed 65 years ago.

"It was just wonderful, really wonderful," the 85-year-old widow told The *NEWS*.

"I hadn't seen them for years. Not since they left my room in 1925.

"I don't know if there were six tears. But there was a whole lot of kissing and hugging.

"It was really nice of them to remember me the way they did."

Originally, there were 30 pupils in Ol' Lady Brown's class at Red Bank Elementary School.

Over the years, some had died while others simply vanished into their own lives.

But this emotional reunion did bring together 10 former classmates who each credit Mrs. Pitts with playing a major role in the shaping of their lives.

One of those young lives she helped mold was Paul W. Moser, now a retired engineer.

"She was a good teacher," he declared. "She made a deep impression on us.

"We were really happy that she could be with us, especially those days we were just little rascals. We were all involved. And I think the kids."

There were a few misty eyes.

"But mainly we just laughed and talked about the good old days.

One of Mrs. Pitts' now-grown first graders had a special little gift for the his old teacher. Roland Hiles, a retired Metropolitan Opera.

AT RIGHT: Returning members of Miss Brown's Red Bank, Tenn., first-grade class, seated from left are (1) Alice Marie Martin, (2) Dorothy Pendergrass Swindler, (3) Finley Carter, and (4) mother Louise Brown Pitts. Standing from left are (5) Paul Moser, (6) Billie Carol Swindler, (7) Blanche Brown Sanders, (8) L.L. Brown, (9) P.I. Davis, George Conner, and (10) Robert Allen. Photo at top shows how they looked in 1925.

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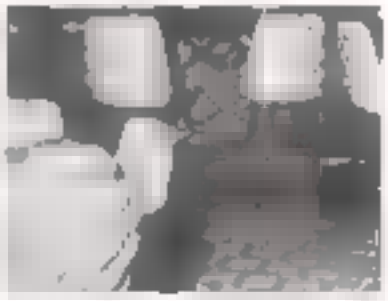

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Moscow group seeks to legalize homosexual acts

By [redacted]

MOSCOW — A group called the Moscow Lesbian and Gay Union announced at a meeting Saturday and said it would seek to legalize homosexual acts, currently punishable by a five-year term in a prison camp.

But the group could meet at all — much less launch the publication of a

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Let's face it, Gorby. You're making a BIG mistake.

I can't believe those squealing little fairies in the Moscow Lesbian and Gay Union will talk you into letting them hug and kiss in Red Square or anywhere else, for Pete's sake.

I mean, you're giving a whole new meaning to the word "Comrade," by God.

I've seen you Russian guys kissing each other on TV but I never thought much about it until now.

Hey, I think it's great that you want Russia to be like America. It's about time you recognized a good thing when you see it. But we've made a couple of little boo-boos ourselves, you know. And letting the nasties loose on the streets was one of the big goof. So here's what you can expect if your drag queens in fur hats have their way.

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2. Your national booze will be pink champagne instead of vodka.

3. Male hair dressers and ballet dancers will outnumber hockey players and weight lifters.

And you're gonna let the little sissies out of the closet?

Say it ain't so, Gorby.

Yours truly,

Ed Anger

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ED ANGER hopes Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev gets the message — loud and clear

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Schoolboy's shocking confession:

I KILLED MY PARENTS — BECAUSE THEY MADE ME STUDY!

By SUSAN MANSON
Staff writer

An angel-faced teenager blew away his [redacted] with a shotgun — because they made him study and he didn't want to!

THE Zanoni family in happier times. Mauro, left, with his mother, Pola, brother Claudio and father Ennio.

Mauro Zanoni, 17, then hid the bodies of his parents in the family garage and told friends his parents had gone on an extended vacation to Thailand, he confessed to a judge in Lodi, Italy. His terrible deed was finally discovered when the police searched the garage and found the corpses.

"I swear, I didn't want to do it — it was a mistake," said Mauro, a baby-faced blond who has never been in trouble before.

"We had an argument because they wanted me to go to school and I wanted to quit and work instead. Dad yelled at me and told me if I wouldn't study he'd kick me out of the house. He shut me up in my room but I got out and when I went into my parents' room I saw the gun . . ."

MOST-YEAR-OLD Mauro Zanoni looks like a perfect angel in this photograph taken at his first communion.

Pola and Ennio Zanoni followed him into the room and reached for the gun and pulled the trigger, shooting them both to death.

"I felt an explosion," he recalled. "Mama and Papa screamed, and then I saw their bodies on the floor in a pool of blood.

"At that moment I realized I'd done a terrible thing and I started to cry. Then I was overcome with terror. I was afraid they'd put me in prison, so I put my parents in the garage hoping no one would find them."

But police became suspicious, investigated — and discovered Mauro and the boy confessed. He is now in jail awaiting sentencing.

The boy's brother, Claudio, 20, says his parents were ambitious for Mauro and wanted him to graduate so he could work in a bank with his father. But Mauro hated studying and wanted to work in a local cosmetics firm.

"He was happy," Claudio said. "But our parents called him a failure and pressured him to return to school.

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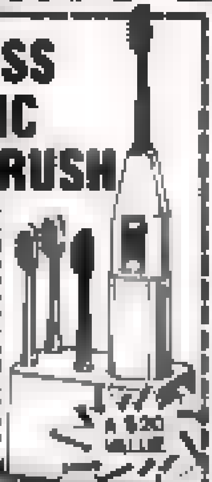

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SHOCKING WARNING FOR PRO WRESTLERS:

Steroids crippled me, says Superstar Billy Graham

'And they'll do the same to YOU!'

By BERNIE BADER
Wrestling Correspondent

Drug abuse has turned former World Wrestling Federation champ Superstar Billy Graham into a helpless cripple, unable to walk and barely able to lift a glass of water to his lips. And Graham says the same heartbreaking fate awaits many of today's wrestling heroes!

Superstar Billy's body is being torn apart by the deadly anabolic steroids he used to build one of the most incredible physiques ever to climb into the ring.

And now the 42-year-old Graham claims at least 90 percent of today's stars are following in his footsteps — shoveling and swallowing massive amounts of drugs that could leave them crippled and dying before they reach 50.

"It may be too late for me. But I want others to know that what they're doing to their bodies is life threatening," warned Graham, now an invalid living in a body cast.

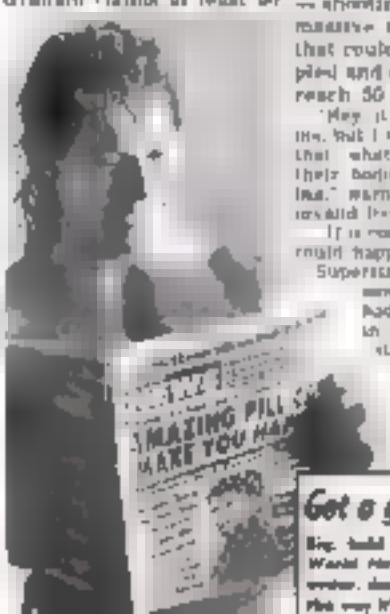
"If it could happen to me it could happen to any."

Superstar Bill, a former role model for Hulk Hogan, had a hip replacement in 1987 after steroids started eating away at his joints.

He's currently recovering from surgery on which both ankles were fused, using bone taken from his hips and shins.

"This is all because of what I did," says the crippled former champ. "And if my story can't do anything about that others will learn before it's too late."

SUPERSTAR Billy Graham shows scars left by 10 pro wrestlers who took deadly anabolic steroids



FLASH RESULTS

In San Antonio Mr. Fuji's two tag team opponents, The Orient Express, showed why they're a team on the rise by easily dumping Pat Wheeler and Mark Young. Akio here softened up Wheeler with a series of karate chops and kicks before Matsunaga and Pat Tanaka finished him off with a savage back upside the head.

Ted DiBiase, The Million Dollar Man, may be a jerk, but he's also a great wrestler as The Red Shadow found out in San Francisco. The Shadow got caught by a hard elbow off the top rope that nearly snapped his head back. Then that set DiBiase's vampire fangs and cultured ripoff artist stuffed his mouth with the ropes.

The Dynamic Dudes won Fastest Ten Count Out of The Royal Family during their match at Asheville, N.C. Shane Douglas and Johnny Ace of the Dudes were lagging in and out so fortunately that Doctor Tarberry and Sky Morgan couldn't even keep track of who was the legal man in the ring. When Morgan finally tagged out to Arrogant Manager Jim Duthie (and Littlebrook Ike defender himself laughing Irving Fujiwa Yoshi Ace sneaked behind him. The Dudes really pounded and pinned him by distracting Morgan so the real evil fiddling man had a despicable

"Will Bob Backlund make a comeback" — Nick Bledsoe, Saltillo, Utah

It's unlikely that we'll ever again see Rockland — the WWF champion from 1978 to 1983 — in the squared circle. Disillusioned with today's wrestling, Backlund spends most of his time coaching amateur wrestlers at a small college in Connecticut.

FANS CORNER

"What was the WWF like in 1960" — Mike Cavallo, Victoria, Ontario, Canada

In 1960, a few weeks after Lou Thesz beat Dudley Rogers in Toronto for the NWA world championship, a group of promoters in the Northeast decided to set up their own version of the sport. Calling themselves the WWF, they held their first show at Madison Square Garden in New York.

"Are Harley King Roddy manager and The Genius related" — Cindy Marcus, Fairmont, Missouri

Yes, they are. Roddy is Genius' younger brother.

While it rushes to solving arguments about pro wrestling, you're reading the unimpeached world champion. Send your questions to Bernie Bader, Wrestling Correspondent, 850 South East Coast Avenue, Tamarac, Fla. 33068. Because of the large volume of mail, personal replies are not possible.

Get a grip on The NEWS — the pros do!

Big Bald Brad Armstrong says he can't wait for his Weekly World News, because Bernie Bader, America's top-rated ring writer, doesn't hold anything back. The Bader writes wrestling the way it's got to be covered — with guts! That's why wrestlers

Fascinating facts about friendship

One of the most important things for happiness is friendship — but how to make friends is a puzzle for many people.

Psychologists have discovered these facts about friendship:

Q: Is it harder to make friends as we grow older?

A: No. The older you get, more friends you make. And those friendships are more stable and enduring, psychologist George [illegible] has found.

Q: How do you make a real friend?

A: Studies show a person's ability to make deep and lasting friendships tends to go hand in hand with his ability to pick the right marriage partner — the right person for him.

Friends, like marriage partners, are discovered rather than made.

Finding friends is simple but many people never discover the secret. Friendship grows out of acquaintanceships. You have to make casual contacts and sooner or later you will find a friend, and you'll know it because he will be looking for you, too.

Q: What makes a good friendship?

A: After an extensive study psychologist Sidney Jourard found that a good friendship is one in which (1) Each person has carefully sized up the other and knows more than he dislikes; (2) each feels concern for the happiness and growth of the other; (3) each can communicate honestly his thoughts, feelings, wants, memories and beliefs. (4) each wants to be understood by the other and strives for this understanding.

Q: What's the difference between love and friendship?

A: They have a lot in common, yet they are different. Author Samuel Johnson found a delightful way to describe the difference. "The feeling of friendship is like being comfortably filled with roast beef; love like being intoxicated with champagne."

Q: Are some people incapable of friendship?

A: Yes. Certain people, because of some part unhappy relationship, are busy from making friends.

Other people are so eager to make friends that they pretend to be the type of person they feel would be most acceptable to others. And by not being themselves, they actually put up a barrier to friendship because most people can see through phonies.

Q: How many friends do you have?

A: Psychiatrist Martin Goldstein says, "My studies have convinced me that the average person does not have more than a dozen or four good friends."

"If he tries to spread himself out thin, he cannot do justice to the friendships he already has."

Q: Why do we need friends?

A: One reason is obvious: so we won't be lonely. Beyond that, psychologist Robert Albert and Thomas Brigante conclude: "We need interested, reliable friends in order to live satisfying lives. The support we gain from friendship becomes the center and security we live by."

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My crazy aunt thinks she's a dog!

Dear Dotti: I live with my parents. Everything was fine until my aunt moved in with us. You see, she's a schizophrenic and thinks she's a dog. That wouldn't be so bad except she stays up late and barks. Just the other night she curled up by my bedroom door and howled all night long.

I don't want to be rude and ask my parents to send my aunt away but she's really getting on my nerves. What should I do? — Dogged in D.C.

Dear Dogged: Case counts a bone!

Mom won't let me wear makeup

Dear Dotti: You're not going to believe this but I'm 13 years old and my mother won't let me wear makeup! That's not fair because my friends have mothers who let them wear all the makeup they like. What do you think about that? — Frosh Five in New York

Dear Frosh: I think you should do what your mother says and stop acting like a baby!

Stupid post office sure has me P.O.'d

Dear Dotti: Can you believe the Postal Service is thinking about raising the price of stamps to 20 cents? I wouldn't mind so much if they did a good job but these post office goons are nothing but overpaid slobs who lose and goof-up more mail than they deliver. Don't you agree? — Mad in Waterville

Dear Mad: Don't be a fool! Every day I get letters without ZIP codes and addressed to the wrong state and zip and mail all from the Postal Service employees to boot. It may be that I'm an evil lesbian drug addict/alcoholic/child beater in the eyes of Lawrence, Pa. But to still get the mail, I think it's happier postal workers go above and beyond the call of duty and do a damn good job!

Confidential

Dear Anglophone in Lakewood: There's no such thing as a "collector coin dealer" — your husband bought that thing to me it!

Dear Mad in St. Paul: Fat girls in bikinis make EVERYBODY sick!

Dear Wandering in Malden: Believe me, honey, your hubby didn't get hanging off a toilet seat.

Dear Harry in Wayerone: I don't care whether you wear panty hose!

Dear Old Shrinker in Orangeville: So what did you expect for a hamburger dinner?

Dear Big in Newburgh: That's it!

Dear Puzzler in Kingston: She's a hooker!

My hubby picks his nose in public

Dear Dotti: My husband embarrasses me by picking his nose in public. Any ideas on how I can make him stop? — Red-Faced in Whitesburg

Dear Red-Faced: I'd slap the fire out of the guy and then shout some fake news. If that doesn't get the message across, nothing will!

I'm a man in love with a lesbian

Dear Dotti: Please help me because my heart is broken. I'm in love with a woman who is in love with another woman!

I met this girl at the gym and was smitten with her so I asked her out. She said she'd be glad to go out but warned me not to expect much in the way of a lasting relationship because she's gay.

To make a long story short, we had a great time and I've fallen head over heels in love with her. That's why I want your help. How can I persuade her to be my girl? — Yearning to Illinois

Dear Yearning: If you want a lesbian to love you, get a sex change. It's as simple as that.

Are you and Ed the same person?

Dear Dotti: Are you and Ed Anger one and the same person? Please do an old lady and big fan a favor by answering yes or no. — Curious in Nevada

Dear Curious: Don't be a pinhead. Ed Anger is a Korean vet with a metal plate in his head. I'm a classy lady with the nerves, beauty and brains to prove it!

Dear Dotti will answer your letters — and tell a tale or two, too! Write to her, c/o Weekly World News, 600 South East Coast Ave., Lantana, Fla. 33462

Ask the Countess

What do my dreams of big cabbages mean?

COUNTESS SOPHIA SARAH

Where readers personal advice issued on vast horoscope. Write to Countess Sarah, Weekly World News, 600 S East Coast Ave. Lantana, Fla. 33462. Include your birth date. The Countess advises us free. Do not send money.

Dear Countess: Every night I have the same dream and it's driving me batty. My husband and I are walking past a store and through the window I see lovely cabbages piled three high.

I decided to buy one and my husband gets furious because he knows that I want to make stuffed cabbage for dinner and put what's left in the freezer to eat later. I buy the cabbage anyway and it's so big that the bag boy has to put it in a burlap sack as I can carry it easy.

What does all this mean, Countess? This crazy dream is driving me insane. — Weeping in Chicago

Dear Weeping: You need to make a change in your life but you're afraid and that's why you have this dream. The cabbages represent change and your angry husband represents the part of you that wants to stay the same, stay deep.

Deep down inside you know it's time to move your life in a new direction. It may be painful but you'll be happier — I guarantee it!

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Dear Countess: I desperately need to get in touch with a long-lost friend. We used to cottage together back in the sixties but somehow we've lost touch. I've been trying to find her for years but haven't seen much other or spoken since. I'd appreciate any help you can give me. — Desperate in Oxford

Dear Desperate: Your friend is a successful businesswoman living in New York City. You can get her number from the phone company. And by the way, he'll be thrilled to hear from you.

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Dear Countess: If you're a real psychic you'll know what's on my mind and give me an answer. Can you do it? — Skeptic in Fort Stockton

Dear Skeptic: I must certainly can. You're worried about your 16-year-old son who moved to California late last year and hasn't phoned or written to you since. He has a job, and is living with a girl. Oh yes, the car keys you misplaced are in the left wingtip shoe in your clothes closet!

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PERSONAL TO . . .

Puzzled in Gastonia: Your new "friends" are planning to rob you blind. Cease all relationships with them immediately!

T.C. in Minot: It would be foolish for you to change jobs now. The boss is planning to give you a promotion.

Worried in Akron: Bad entity. You do not have forever.

Lonely in Riverside: The IRS wasn't lying. Your check really is in the mail.

Need Help in Baltimore: The stars are indeed smiling on you. I see you living to a ripe old age.

Stumped in San Antonio: Your baby does come right when you need it. Congratulations!

How to buy a new car — and save big bucks!

A new-car buyer can save hundreds of dollars by learning how to bargain tough, says a university psychologist.

And you can easily learn how to drive a hard bargain by following a few psychological tips, says Professor Robert Cialdini, who has made a study of the methods used by car salesmen. Here is what Prof Cialdini advises:

● **Walk** into the showroom with copies of consumer magazines that give information and base prices on new cars. This tells the salesperson you are prepared, and likely to be difficult to satisfy unless a very good price is offered.

● **Let** the salesman know he has to compete with other dealers for your dollars. Ask him for his card, write down the price of the car on the card. Then very obviously place it among cards that you have collected from other dealers. This shows the salesman that you're a serious shopper.

● **Don't** settle for the first price offered.

"The first offer will still have some fat in the deal for him. Don't go for it," Prof Cialdini advised. "The first price will be higher than what he can really sell the car for. Just ask him for a better price."

● **Don't** bring along family members who may become overly excited about buying a new car. "You don't want kids jumping and shouting 'The red one. Daddy, the red one!' " Prof Cialdini said. "A good salesperson will play on that kind of emotion and get you at a disadvantage. You don't want to be swayed by emotion and impulse."

● **Don't** gush over a car. "Don't say things such as: 'I just love this interior' or 'This is just what I had in mind.'

"This kind of behaviour tells the salesperson that you may be an easy mark for an inflated price," Prof Cialdini warned.

● **Don't** tell a salesman why you need a new car — for example, because your engine just crashed and that you have a trip for a trip. By revealing too much, you could be giving away some of your best bargaining points.

● **Don't** openly discuss the deal with your spouse or a friend in front of the salesman. He hangs and talks about it, remembering all the arguments.

● **Women** buyers should take a man along. Car salesmen often try to take more advantage of a woman if she's alone.

● **Bargain** tough on a car you don't really want — then begin negotiating for the car you actually want.

"When you turn your attention to the car you actually want, the salesperson will start his offer lower than if you hadn't bargained on the other car first," Prof Cialdini explained.

"He will know by then that you are tough, and only by giving you a better price can he hope to make a sale."

Brave mom reen

THIS sequence of photos, clockwise from top left, unveiled up on housewife at work in her kitchen, w

HOUSEW GUNMA

By RAYMOND TOOMEY
Weekly Gazette correspondent

A quick-thinking housewife attacked and killed a gun-wielding intruder by jamming a fistful of raw hamburger down his throat, choking the creep to death!

"I grabbed the first thing I could get my hands on and rammed it down his throat — there was nothing else I could do," said the 37-year-old woman from southern California.

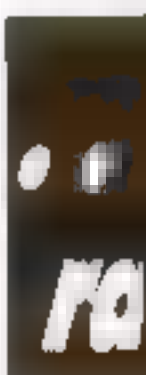
"He slipped in my kitchen door and got me by the shoulder. I didn't know what he wanted but I knew he was up to no good.

"He looked like he was high on drugs and he had a gun."

The terrifying drama began when the pretty blonde woman, who requested anonymity, was preparing breakfast for her children, ages 3, 5 and 7.

"Suddenly there was the wild man with a .45-calibre revolver pressing behind me.

"When he grabbed me I thought,



'Oh my God, ... ' said the ... "I screamed ... want? Don't ... you want!'

"But he ... my mind just ... the hamburger ... my connecting ... his throat.

"For a ... moment, then

Blind ski champ is in a jam — she can see, officials claim

BLIND Athletes Association officials have accused gold medal winner Julie Wallace of being able to see better than she says she can.

By SUSAN HAMILTON
Staff writer

Champion blind skier Julie Wallace has been sidelined — because officials suspect she can see!

The 28-year-old woman won two gold medals last year in the U.S. Association for Blind Athletes national championships, but the officials now believe she can see much better than she says she can.

The talented sportswoman told officials that she was blind, had leukemia, a brain tumor and a blinding lung and suffered from strokes. Now she has admitted she misrepresented some of her medical problems when she entered the Association.

"She's an emotionally ill kid who needs some help," said prosecutor Gregory Long of Grand County, Colo., where Miss Wallace is being investigated for criminal impersonation.

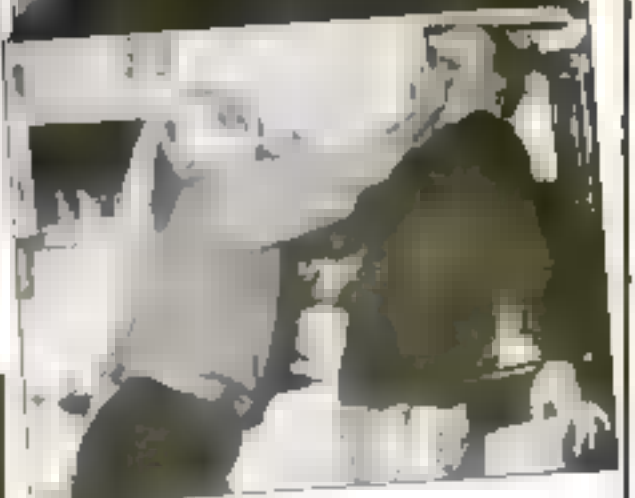
Because the young skier agreed to undergo counseling, Long says he will not file charges against her for misleading her financial sponsors.

Miss Wallace skied to victory twice last year in national championships for blind athletes and moved from her home in Fort Mill to Winter Park, Colo. There she began training to make the U.S. team selected to compete in the World Disabled Championships for 1990.

But her skiing was just too good, officials say. They began to suspect that she could see where she was going and decided to verify the background information she had provided about herself. When they couldn't verify it, they went to the local sheriff's department and a district attorney's investigation was begun.

Long said the skier probably has some medical problems, including bad eyesight, but he still cannot verify that she is legally blind. She could be charged with a felony if she does not complete her treatment, he said.

...nacts her moment of terror!



...three-time gunman ... town, grabbing a ... handful of hamburger from the counter, stuffs it in gunman's mouth with such force that he choked — and died — while she and the children fled.

...NIFE CHOKES ...AN TO DEATH ... with a fistful of ...w HAMBURGER!

"...s going to kill us,' " ...d. ...d him, 'What do you ...t us! Take anything ... don't let go of me and ...mapped. I snatched ...what was thawing on ...and pushed it down ... moment he looked ...he started gagging and choking and turned blue in the face," said the shaken housewife.

"When he fell to the floor I gathered up the kids and ran to the neighbor's house to call the police.

"I didn't know the creep was dead."

Authorities confirmed that the gunman choked to death on the hamburger the woman shoved in his throat.

An autopsy revealed that he was high on crack cocaine at the time of the incident.

And because of the circumstances, said cops, no charges will be filed against the woman, who cut her hand on the gunman's teeth but was otherwise O.K.

"I explained to the kids that these kinds of things happen," said the woman.

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Model mom is in the P.T.A., teaches Sunday school — and ROBS BANKS, cops say!

By JACK ALEXANDER
Staff writer

A married mother of four who was active in the P.T.A. and taught Sunday school has been arrested after a high-speed chase — and charged with bank robbery.

Patricia Anne Knudsen is accused of robbing a bank in Okemos, Mich., and is suspected of holding up five other banks within the last six months.

"She didn't use a gun. She walked in and told the bank teller, 'This is a robbery. Give me the money,'" said Prosecutor Donald Martin.

The 33-year-old teacher's aide and former Avon saleswoman was heavily in debt to credit card companies and didn't want her husband to know, said the prosecutor.

"She had credit card debts well into the five figures," he said. "Her husband says he doesn't use plastic and wasn't aware his wife did."

The model housewife's undoing came when Police Detective Robert Tilka spotted her driving a gray Pontiac Phoenix shortly after the robbery.

"She matched the robber's description and a gray Phoenix was described as the getaway car in five recent area bank robberies," said Prosecutor Martin.

Detective Tilka radioed for help and a sheriff's cruiser pulled Mrs. Knudsen over on Interstate 96. As the deputy got out of his car, she sped away.

"She backed out of there, swinging gravel and squealing tires, just like on TV," said Tilka.

After a 100 m.p.h. chase, cops got her to stop near Fairgrove, where she lives with her husband, Peter, and four young children in a fashionable neighborhood.

A dark blonde wig, $1,000 in cash and a license plate with the number 099-WKW were found in her car. The 5-foot-2, 110-pound brunette was identified as the getaway car by at least two witnesses after bank robberies," said Prosecutor Martin. "And the robber wore a dark blonde wig."

The well-liked housewife is a prime suspect in five other bank robberies — two in Lansing, two in Okemos and one in Novi, Mich., according to Martin.

Friends, neighbors and even her husband were shocked when she was pulled in $180,000 bond.

"Her husband had no idea this was going on," said Det. Tilka. "She was emotionally upset."

"A housewife who and to even have [illegible] with credit card bills," said Prosecutor Martin. "She was able to conceal her double life from everyone."

SUSPECT Patricia Knudsen after her arrest for robbery.

HER HOME Police say Mrs. Knudsen lives in this house in a fashionable area.

Credit card debts piled up and she didn't want hubby to know, says prosecutor

EVIDENCE Police display photo of bank robber. Police believe

Kitchen is best place to air family problems

The best place in the house to talk over family problems is the kitchen, says a noted psychiatrist.

"It's the one room where everybody relaxes. It's the ideal room in which to discuss family problems," said psychiatrist Dr. Frank Caprio.

"It's the heart of the house and it gives us a sense of comfort and security."

And usually other rooms in the house have too many distractions, Dr. Caprio said. "In the living room or family room there could be a battle over who's going to watch what on television. Partners, kids, and all of this prevents open discussion.

"The common denominator in the family group is the kitchen."

He added: "There's always been a long, long tradition of connection between food, safety and sharing.

"As children we tended to wander into the kitchen as food was being cooked. And when dad came home, he usually headed for the kitchen to say hello and see what was going on with supper. Defenses and reserves fall away in the stimulating warmth and glow that was always found in the

Researchers tell heart patients: Go have a smoke

Doctors are up in arms over a university research project that asked heart patients to quit every day cigarettes.

One patient suffered a heart attack and three others had abnormal heartbeats after consultants at Japan's Kanazawa University took them off their medication and directed them to smoke cigarettes daily.

refused. Tacos, said the study provided valuable information about the effects of smoking on the heart. But critics said it was unethical to intentionally expose the patients to

I got fired for turning brunette!

By SUSAN JEAISON
Staff writer

Pretty Yvonne Williams went from blonde to brunette — and she says that's what lost her her job!

The 22-year-old receptionist insists she was fired because of the change in her hair color and she has contacted a lawyer and filed a formal complaint with the Human Rights Commission.

"My boss told me, 'The president of the company doesn't like the color of your hair and he wants something done about it!'" recalled Yvonne, a Canadian who lives in Scarborough, Ontario. "She said, 'He wants you to change the color of your hair over the weekend or else.'

"I said, 'Or else what — I don't have a job?' and my supervisor said, 'Yes.'"

Days after that warning, Yvonne says she was relieved of her receptionist job and then told she was not doing good work. There had been no complaints about her work before her hair color change, she says.

When she was finally fired, she was told she would be informed of the cause in a letter acknowledging her termination notice. She never got any letter, Yvonne says, which makes her even more certain it was her tresses that got her canned.

Yvonne had been happily employed at Beer-Can Industries in Scarborough for nine months when she changed her appearance. She was tired of bleaching her shoulder-length hair and was weekend she dyed it back to brunette. When she returned to work, all hell broke loose.

"I didn't come to work with my hair colored — it was the same style and everything," Yvonne said. "But almost immediately I started to get flak for it. People said, 'What did you do to your hair?'

"On Thursday my supervisor told me if I didn't change my hair back I'd be fired. On Friday I was told my appearance wasn't good enough for the company receptionist and that they wanted to move me to a desk in back of the room. On Monday a new girl — with blonde hair — took my place."

Yvonne says she was moved to the back of the office and given a bunch of cards and no instructions on what to do with them. Five minutes later she was told that she wasn't working out enough and that she had to leave.

"They said I'd be told the reason why I was fired in writing, but I never was," Yvonne said.

"I got nothing but compliments from everyone at the company while I worked there and I got along with everyone. They don't have a reason, they have nothing.

"I'm not the first one to be treated like this. I decided it's about time someone stands up and does something about this. They shouldn't get away with it."

Don Smith, president of Beer-Can, did not return calls from The NEWS.

PRETTY Yvonne Williams got tired of bleaching her hair.

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Suspect hides behind tiger!

Cops said Dennis Schaefer refused to go with them when they tried to arrest him — and hid behind Tanya, his pet Siberian tiger.

"He was talking to the tiger like you would a guard dog, saying stuff like, 'If they try to touch me, you get them,'" said Elvis, Pa., Police Sgt. Richard Sullivan.

Police eventually cuffed Schaefer, 43, and took him to jail on charges of reckless endangerment and resisting arrest.

They had gone to the auto shop where Schaefer works to arrest him on charges resulting from a domestic incident with his wife.

Mrs. Carol
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Nearsighted hubby runs over his sleeping wife with a lawn mower!

— and cuts her foot off!

By VERNON JEYES
Correspondent

Yard buff Herman Walker zipped over a hill on his new riding mower — and sliced off his wife's foot!

Rachel Walker lost a tremendous amount of blood before doctors could get to which her op. Surgeons didn't even try to reattach her foot because Herman's chrome mower chewed it up like hamburger.

[illegible] something on a [illegible]

[illegible] and I must have dozed off. I guess [illegible] mowing," said Mrs. Walker, 43.

"When I lay down on the grass, I knew Herman was going to mow the lawn, but I certainly didn't think I was in any danger."

The mind-blowing backyard drama unfolded less than an hour after overweight Herman, who'd left his only pair of glasses at the office, hurled his big riding mower out of the garage.

In fact, he had driven less than a third of his two-acre lot on the outskirts of Pretoria, South Africa, when he spied over the crest of a small hill and sliced off Mrs. Walker's right foot at the ankle.

"The doctor told me it was a miracle," said Walker. "That when I reached around to see what happened, I almost fell off my seat.

"But there was nothing but leg and blood and all over the place. I said, 'Dear God, don't let this be true.' It was as if my foot [illegible]

"What was left of Rachel's foot was in the grass about 15 feet from her. Blood was pouring at first. There was great loss of blood."

Walker scooped his wife's leg in a towel and called an ambulance. She was rushed to the hospital, where doctors treated the wound.

Mrs. Walker's recovery is expected to take at least several months. After that, she'll be fitted with an artificial foot, her doctors said.

"I told Herman I was sorry," said Walker. "That's all I can do. If I could turn back the hands of time, I would. I sure wish I'd been wearing my glasses. Maybe this wouldn't have happened.

"If I could trade my foot for hers, I would."

Mrs. Walker said: "It's not going to be easy, but I'm glad it's me, Herman didn't mean to hurt me.

"The way I see it, I was lucky. The rapid pace was [illegible]

LIMBS TAKE Rush Walker plays off with headless, severed [illegible] from Pyramid Enterprises — but a thousand bucks a [illegible]

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By TOM BRACKETT

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Cops catch suspect with his pants down!

Police literally nabbed a suspected bank robber with his pants down!

After the branch of the Wachovia Bank & Trust was robbed of $19,000 in Charlotte, N.C., cops swept the area and found the suspect, Jeffrey Link, in a coin laundry's bathroom — wearing only baby blue boxer shorts.

The 34-year-old man was washing the rest of his clothes. Cops said they found $15,000 stashed in his shoes.

Bladder up!

Contestants swill beer till they're ready to [redacted]

Beer drinkers are slurping up a new fad in bars across the country — "Bladder Bust" contests where you drink all you can swallow for a $5 fee as long as your bladder can stand it.

The first guy to head for the head is considered the loser, and from then on the price of beer goes up, says contest inventor John Hammond of Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

"It's fun to watch," said Hammond, who runs a bar called Spanky's. "You know how it is. The first few swigs of beer you get down real fast and then you get that bloated feeling.

"Usually what happens is that people don't get drunk, they just have to go to the bathroom."

The bar owner says the all-time record for bladder endurance was set by a guy who lasted one hour and 40 minutes. But by and large, it's not the macho guys who are entering in the bladder contest — it's the gals!

"One girl sat there with three guys and they were up walking around and everything," he said.

— J. WILLIAM

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GEEZER WAR!

For 20 years, two cantankerous old coots carried on a fiery neighborhood feud — and now one of them is dead and the other may go to prison for his murder.

By JACK ALEXANDER

The outcome hasn't surprised many of their neighbors in ritzy Pompano Beach, Fla., who watched through the years as the grumpy old grandpas battled like a couple of pit bulls.

Old coot neighbors battle to the death after 20 year feud

Dead of a heart attack after being shot in the leg is Ray Lankheim, 71. Convicted of second-degree murder is Melvin Specter, 77. The coroner said the heart attack was brought about by the gunshot wound.

"These two guys, they were both tough characters," said neighbor Rose Jones Adams.

"They were a pretty good match for one another — like two bull dogs."

The rugged old retirees dueled with garden hose, regularly rammed each other out, traded hammer blows and punches and tried to run each other down with their cars.

Lankheim, a former dive bomber captain, was described by one neighbor as an "extremely difficult" man with a willingness to pick fights.

Neighbors still remember when Specter, an ex-soldier, swung a hammer over Lankheim's head. Lankheim responded by punching Specter in the nose, knocking him into a rage and breaking his glasses.

Two decades of mutual hatred exploded in violence nearly two years ago when a white Chrysler Cordoba driven by Lankheim swerved toward Specter as he crossed a street, according to police and witnesses.

The previous day Specter had tried to run down Lankheim, cops said.

"They had kind of a tit-for-tat thing," said Assistant State Attorney Ed Tobin.

"If one did something, the other would do it back."

Specter called cops to report Lankheim had swerved his car toward him. Police were busy with other matters and couldn't respond right away.

Lankheim returned home later and shouted at Specter, "You're always running and hiding. You're chicken," he hollered, according to neighbor Robert Parker.

Lankheim called him a "yellow SOB" and threatened to kill him, said another neighbor.

Specter grabbed his 30-caliber rifle and ran down to his doorstep. Lankheim jumped back and forth behind a hedge, daring Specter to shoot.

When Lankheim later walked toward Specter, witnesses said Specter shot him in the left thigh.

Thirteen days after the shooting, Lankheim suffered a heart attack in a hospital.

He died five days later after another heart attack.

The medical examiner blamed his heart failure on the gunshot wound.

The right way to train your puppy

Got a new puppy? Start it off right with these expert tips from author C.W. Heisterfeld and Cox News Service:

- Simplify the process by having only person train the dog.
- Don't expect children to care for the animal. They just won't do it.
- Work with the pup three or four times a day — every day. Ten to 15 minutes is enough.
- Don't teach aggression — that includes games like tug-of-war.
- Do play fetch with a stick or ball.
- Reward good behavior.

GOLDEN GIRL

Claire Clairage's gift to the semi-surreal city of Hollywood, Calif., is bloody knockout Kathy Azul. And the 24-year-old actress and model is destined for a spectacular career, say insiders. [illegible]

CHEATIN' MATES STONED TO DEATH!

Americans who commit adultery might wind up paying alimony — but Saudi Arabians face death by stoning.

. . . execution is penalty for straying in Arab countries

In many countries, laws call for incredibly tough penalties against adultery that range from imprisonment to death, says a famed attorney. "In Saudi Arabia and Iran, for example, executions is the penalty for marital betrayal. In America, adultery isn't even a misdemeanor," he said.

In one shocking case, a 32-year-old woman received a gift of candy from a longtime family friend. Her husband was furious and alerted Saudi authorities — who ordered the "philanderer" stoned to death by stoning.

Another Saudi woman was sentenced to life in prison because her husband smothered her daughter when a 10-year-old boy told her she had eyes like her mother.

Other countries are tough on adultery, too.

Portugal gives prison terms of two to eight years for cheating husbands and wives — as well as their lovers. Chile gives cheating wives 61 to 540 days in jail, while husbands only get up to 60 days.

In Nicaragua, wives get the break. They face one to two years, but husbands get two to three years.

Communists impose one-year terms for cheaters. Brazil is wilder, with sentences of 15 days to six months.

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"It was nearly 50-below-zero last there," said a cop. "Perhaps he had visions of spending three months in a nice warm home." Police are still looking for the guy.

Scientists find key to long life

Swiss aging experts boosted the life spans of laboratory rats by slowing the so-called death gene, which causes cells to self-destruct.

The team led by Dr. Walter Gehring of Basle University will now try to increase the longevity of mice with the ultimate goal of extending human life.

Which U.S. leader danced in Vegas?

Which married a gal named Frank?

Amazing president quiz

Which president nodded off while meeting the Pope? Why did Abe Lincoln grow his beard? Which president liked having petroleum jelly rubbed on his head?

To find out the answers to these and other questions about past U.S. presidents, take this fun quiz prepared by Gordon Manning of the Los Angeles Daily News.

1 This president enjoyed being the center of attention so much that his son said, "When he goes to a wedding, he wants to be the bride, when he goes to a funeral, he wants to be the corpse." a) Ronald Reagan, b) Theodore Roosevelt, c) Franklin Pierce

2 How many of the 41 U.S. presidents have worn eyeglasses? a) 18, b) 2, c) all of them

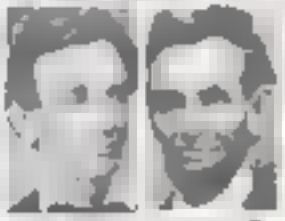
3 The daughter of which president was playing the piano when it suddenly dropped through one of the White House floors? a) Gerald Ford, b) Jimmy Carter, c) Harry S Truman

4 Which president enjoyed having petroleum jelly rubbed on his head as breakfast each morning? a) Ronald Reagan, b) Calvin Coolidge, c) Dwight Eisenhower

5 Abraham Lincoln grew his beard at the suggestion of a) Ronald Reagan, b) an 11-year-old girl, c) Jefferson Davis

6 This president, history has it, was a terrible speller. He supposedly told a friend, "I never thought much of a man who could think of only one way to spell a word." a) William McKinley, b) James Garfield, c) Andrew Jackson

7 This president is widely believed to have gotten stuck in a bathtub. a) Millard Fillmore, b) Lyndon B. Johnson, c) William Howard Taft



WHY did Abe grow his beard? Take this quiz to find out!

8 This Republican president, in his earlier years, was a staunch supporter of Democrat Franklin Roosevelt, voting for him in presidential elections in 1932, 1936, 1940 and 1944. a) Ronald Reagan, b) Richard Nixon, c) Dwight Eisenhower

9 Who said this and when, "We of America today are nearer to the final triumph over poverty than ever before in the history of any land?" a) Herbert Hoover, 1928, b) Andrew Jackson, 1832, c) John F. Kennedy, 1962

10 This man who would be president did a song-and-dance routine for two weeks in the Last Frontier Hotel in Las Vegas in 1954. a) Ronald Reagan, b) Gerald Ford, c) George Bush

11 Which president, at age 48, married a 21-year-old woman (whom he called "Frank") in the Blue Room of the White House? a) James Madison, b) Grover Cleveland, c) Woodrow Wilson

12 A number of presidents have had strange pets at the White House, but John Quincy Adams may have outdone all others by having a) alligators, b) silkworms, c) bugs

13 Who was the fattest president, weighing in at over 300 pounds? a) Theodore Roosevelt, b) Grover Cleveland, c) William Howard Taft

14 Which president dozed off while meeting with the Pope? a) James Polk, b) Woodrow Wilson, c) Ronald Reagan

15 Chester Arthur, the 21st president, had the nickname a) Uncle Pester, b) Dude President, c) Bad Art

Answers: 1b, 2c, 3c, 4b, 5b, 6c, 7c, 8a, 9a, 10a, 11a, 12b, 13b, 14c, 15b

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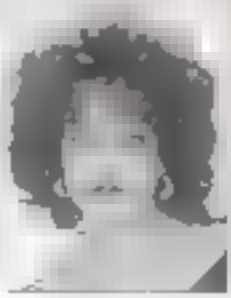

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Melinda Baker recorded a week's worth of soaps on her VCR and settled while [illegible] ghastly ordeal to watch them on a Saturday afternoon.

Nine hours later, her eyes glazed over. At that point she turned to [illegible] husband and started jabbering like a lunatic.

She didn't make a lick of sense until Tuesday night — 27 mind-blowing hours later.

Melinda was not at all the [illegible] said Lani Baker, the woman's [illegible] husband. "Talking to her was like talking to a crazy person. She acted like she was trying to say something but the words didn't come out right. She'd start to talk and then her eyes would [illegible] and she'd [illegible] herself mid-sentence."

The couple live in the Bayside area [illegible] Always an soap opera [illegible]

Realizing his wife had gone [illegible] Baker rushed her to a hospital, where doctors [illegible] she [illegible] and admitted her as a patient [illegible] whether [illegible] was in the grip of [illegible]

A psychiatrist currently [illegible] Mrs. Baker [illegible] Tuesday night [illegible] Wednesday [illegible] Mrs. Baker [illegible] said her mind is [illegible] [illegible] a light [illegible]

— ALICE LEVNICK

Eating causes cancer

This may come a little late for some of us fatties, but it appears there's only one pretty sure way to avoid cancer — don't eat!

It seems the natural carcinogens in the food we eat pose a greater cancer risk than additives or pesticides!

Robert Schoopsiem, a government scientist, says the public is worrying about the wrong dietary risks.

He observed that the natural carcinogens in the diet "outnumber all others," with 77 percent of America's cancer deaths being caused by carcinogens in food. And all those [illegible]

BAD LUCK!

Oldster dies in wishing well

Tragic oldster Guido Terzini died a horrible death when he plunged 40 feet down a [illegible] well that was his pride and joy.

Only half of a protective cover was on the well that was located in the garden he [illegible] eight hundred at his [illegible] accidentally stumbled and fell into the well that was only a few yards from his front door. Police divers had to be called in to recover the body that was discovered lying in 10 feet of water. "It's tragic. He loved his garden and the little well," said neighbor Lana DeCarco.

Insider's shocking claim . . .

Four out of 5 auto-painting shops will take you for a ride

By MICHAEL TODD

Most auto-painting shops do such shoddy work that your paint job lasts only a few months, and charge for work they don't even do!

That's the warning from a man who's been in business 18 years and frankly admits he cheats customers.

But you can avoid becoming a victim of this shady racket by following a few common-sense tips, says the expert, who asked that he be identified only as "Mr. X."

"I'd estimate that no more than 20 percent of auto paint shops are honest," says Mr. X.

"Priming, sanding, dent removal, painting, rust repairs, baking — you name it, these operators have a way of short-cutting it and even charging extra for it.

For example, most shops will tell you you're getting two coats of primer over the whole car but nine times out of 10 they'll just prime the spots, sandpaper the rest and spray paint it.

When you ask the paint shop to fix your car's rust spots, most will just sand off the roughest parts of the rust instead of sanding down to the bare metal as they should.

Repairing dents and cracks is usually done very sloppily, he revealed. "In big holes you're supposed to put some screen behind the filler.

"But most places just jam a lot of newspaper in the hole, spread the plastic filler over it, sand it down and spray paint it."

If your car needs a new fender or hood, the paint shop will install a cheap used part, paint over it and charge you for a new one.

Don't assume your car's new paint job will be baked on, which makes it shinier and longer lasting, he added.

"Lots of shops don't even have a bake booth," he laughed.

Mr. X offers this advice:

- Don't patronize cheap-'n'-quick painting shops. You'll have to spend at least $800 if you hope to get decent work.
- Ask your friends to recommend shops where they've had good work performed. Call your Better Business Bureau.
- Get a written estimate that itemizes everything you want done — and allows no other unauthorized work.
- Be sure to get a warranty: 90 days is probably the best you can hope for.
- Before your 90-day warranty expires, closely inspect your car. Search along the trim, on the rocker panels, and at the edges and bottoms of fenders for bubbling, flaking and swelling of the paint.

"If you see any of these problems, take your car back immediately and insist the paint job be redone properly," says Mr. X.

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Doll's screams saved me and my babies from fire!

ANTIQUE doll was saved by a child who died in a fire.

Narrow escape: Victoria Ranagan with children Michael, 4, and Kim, 3, and doll which Victoria says saved their lives

Antique toy's shriek wakes mom in the nick of time!

By MERRY McGUIRE
Newspaper Writer

A mother scooped up her two children and ran from their blazing home after the was jolted awake — by the screams of a doll!

Widowed 34-year-old mum Victoria Flanagan said she and her son Michael 4, and her daughter Kim, 3 might have died in the inferno that destroyed their home had she not been roused from her sleep by the agonized shrieks. The screams could only have come from the old doll — since owned by a child who had died in a fire!

I could hear the screams ringing in my ears as plain as day," Victoria told us in an interview in her sister-in-law's home outside Toronto, Canada. They were the screams of a child in terrible pain.

"When I woke up I saw our bedroom was filled with smoke. I started choking and my eyes were burning from the heat. All I could think of was that my children were dying in their beds.

"And I could hear those horrifying screams. But they were not the screams of my little babies.

"They sounded like a much older child.

"I reached the children's bedroom. They had their eyes closed but they were still breathing. I grabbed them up in my arms. But I couldn't find the door.

"Suddenly, the screaming stopped. Then I heard a child's voice saying to me, 'This way. Come this way.' I followed the voice and it led me to the bedroom door.

I couldn't believe my eyes and for an instant I stopped in my tracks.

"That doll had been in my husband's family for more than a hundred years.

"It was a treasured heirloom and had been packed away in a box ever since my husband was a little boy. That's when I put the doll [illegible] on the floor just outside the bedroom door.

I grabbed up the doll and grabbed the children and ran out of the house as fast as I could and collapsed on the ground. I just lay there thanking God for saving me and my babies — for the miracle He gave us."

Victoria's sister-in-law, Florian Sagala, said the doll had once been the prized possession of a five-year-old girl named Angelina whose parents lived in a house behind Victoria's. Angelina's great-great grandfather, in the late 1800s

One night there was a fire and the house was destroyed," Mrs. Sagala said. "Many people watched the house burn to the ground. They had been awakened by Angelina's terrible screams of agony.

"They found the charred bodies of Angelina and her parents the next morning. Nothing had survived the fire — except little Angelina's doll. It had not been touched by the flames.

"The doll was kept by the family all these years. How it came to be on the floor outside Victoria's bedroom that night is a question only God can answer. But there is no doubt in my mind that the screams that saved my sister-in-law and her two children were Angelina's screams coming from the doll!"

X-ray treatments linked to cancer

Women who had received X rays as infants have a higher chance of getting breast cancer when they reach their 50s, according to a new study.

The research, directed by Dr. Nancy Hildreth of the University of Rochester, was based on a long-term follow-up of women who were given X-ray therapy for enlarged thymus glands.

Researchers discovered that those who had X rays were nearly four times more likely to get breast cancer than those

Hunt's on for Pharaoh's beer recipe

Archaeologists and a brewing brother are trying to find a recipe for Egyptian beer — the kind the Pharaohs guzzled 3,000 years ago by [illegible]

Scottish and Newcastle Breweries have teamed with the scientists in a three-year study of the recipe of an ancient Egyptian brewery.

They hope to find a recipe for the ales that were made there and possibly even a recipe of the beer if any still exists.

If and when they learn how to make Egyptian beer they intend to mix a batch at the brewery's headquarters in Scotland.

It's doubtful that they will ever try to sell the stuff. Wall paintings at the brewery show drinkers straining it into mugs — because it had lumps!

Hot dog king builds $500G empire on a street corner!

Manuel Castro started on a shoestring with a secondhand frankfurter stand and a dream. Today he's the president of five companies that will make $500,000 this year!

By ANN HUGHEY

Four years ago Castro quit his stuffed-shirt job as a hotel to break out on his own. He began by hawking his delightful dogs on the busy streets of downtown Toronto. The affable

CUTTIN' THE MUSTARD: Manuel Castro gets ready to set out of his own dogs from the spot he made famous in Toronto.

sault hawker says he owes his incredible success to hard work and the business cards he handed out with every sale.

Castro owns seven hot dog carts rolled by 11. He named them after his first son Jonathan, who was born just after he set up business on his first corner.

Chief Castro also has a spin-off business that sells cigars, cigars and vending carts to his competitors.

The 34-year-old businessman says he began to list it big when he added a dispenser for his business cards to his cart.

"Handing out cards to my customers made me feel like an entrepreneur instead of a street peddler," he said.

To further attract customers, the entertaining fellow made his hot dog stand look like a rolling club wears a crisp, clean uniform and perched a large, bright umbrella on a cart. Says Castro: "You've got to stand out — be different!"

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By Neville B. Levin - Special Feature Writer

Orlando, FL. "In only 9 months I took a whopping $189,430 and I consider my average person could show that easily how to do it," declares Lawrence Tabak.

Tabak began a few years ago with humble beginnings as a truck driver. But the cash didn't start to roll in until he discovered the little known money making secret.

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Now, on a trial basis, Tabak has helped 31 real everyday people, just like himself, how to duplicate his own success.

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"You can really be the kind of person that you always wanted to be."

And when "more" he adds, "to make an extra $10000, we can prepare both of us!"

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By JOHNNY O'BRIEN
Correspondent

Help me find the mother who left me on a park bench in 1938

Ellie Stabbe has hunted tirelessly for 20 years to find the woman who gave her life — the mother who abandoned her on a park bench in 1938 when she was 10 days old.

"She wrapped me in a blanket, put me in a box and left me on the bench. Then she walked away," said Ellie, 52, a Canadian divorcee from Armstrong, British Columbia.

Though she has spent hundreds of hours searching through hospital, police, newspaper and government files, Ellie hasn't a clue to her mum's whereabouts.

"It's as though the earth has swallowed her ... as though she has vanished into thin air," said Ellie, who never had much information about her mother to go on.

"I'm not sure what is motivating me to look for her. Mostly, it's curiosity. I want to see what she's like ... talk to her ... ask her questions."

Ellie admits there was anger and shock when she learned her real mother abandoned her. "It's not easy to accept the fact that your own mother didn't want you," she said.

Hospital records reveal almost nothing about Ellie's mum, a woman who called herself Mrs. Nancy McLean back in 1938.

It was mid-April of that year when a man came to the home of the Rev. John J. Unger in Coaldale, Alberta. The man said his sister would give birth in about a week but she didn't want the baby.

A week later, the man told the minister his sister had given birth to a 6-pound, 3-ounce baby girl.

"If you don't find a home for the baby, we're leaving it on a park bench in Lethbridge," said the man.

Unger and his wife drove to the designated spot a few days later, and sure enough, there was the baby in a box.

The Ungers, who already had five children, said the abandoned baby was their blessing.

When the Ungers signed adoption papers the following year, the baby's real mother turned her last name to Nancy and not McLean.

"I've tried to break through red tape and find out about my mother, but nobody knows anything," said Ellie.

"It's very, very distressing that I'm going to keep on searching. I have to."

DETERMINED Ellie Stabbe won't give up on search.

YOU CAN HELP

If you have any information that might help Ellie Stabbe in her search, send it to her c/o Weekly World News, 600 S. East Coast Ave., Lantana, Fla. 33462. We'll forward your letters to her.

Big belly is good for you

Call it what you will — middle-age spread, a spare tire or love handles — but a little bit of extra weight around the tummy may help you live longer!

So says the Gerontology Research Center of the National Institute on Aging.

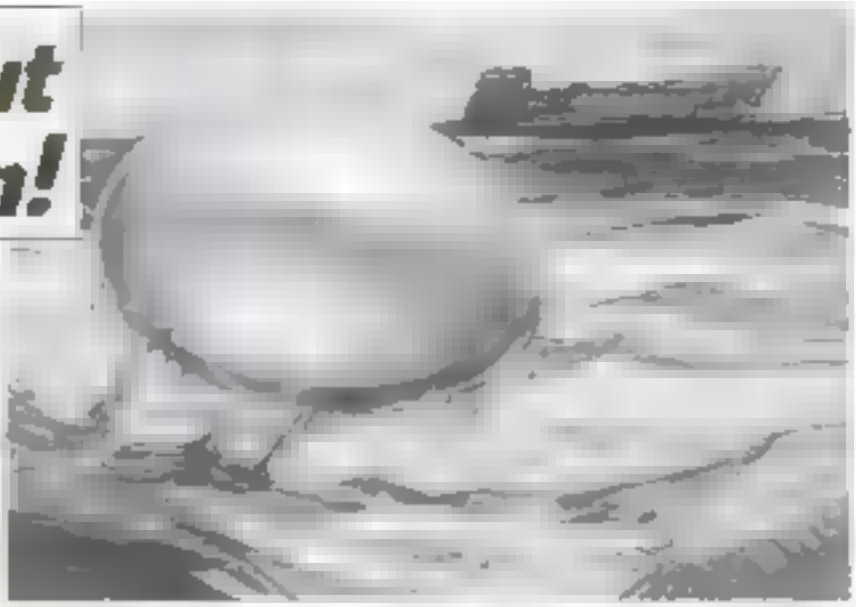
Research ... over the past 10 to 15 years shows evidence that gradual modest weight gain tended to be along with a longer, healthier life," said Dr. Bertram Pitt, medical director of the Portland, Ore., Health Institute.

"If one gain too much weight or gain it too fast, it puts you at risk to the extreme," he explained. "And if you aren't gaining weight, it seems to be an indication of something possibly being wrong."

Facing off!

When you're with groupie, it doesn't take much to arouse a male guy. Linda Carnevale got out her camera and shot this pose winner at her home in Salem, Mass.

UFO flies out of the ocean!



SAUCER-SHAPED UFO shot out of Indian Ocean — circled ship and then plunged back in

By ANN HUGHEY

A saucer-shaped UFO stunned the crew of a tanker when it blasted out of the ocean and circled their ship for 15 terrifying minutes before vanishing without a trace back into the sea!

According to Sri Lankan newspaper reports, the incident took place in broad daylight in late March 2,000 miles south of Malaya. Sri Lanka is the British Orient.

IT CIRCLES SHIP FOR 15 TERRIFYING MINUTES

off the starboard side of the ship. It's shape said from the waves it made as it left the water.

"At first, I was so shocked I nearly fainted from fright. My eyes were terrified, too.

"They did to the deck as much as screaming their eyes out and running like mad for cover.

"All the ship's instruments went haywire and the needle on the compass kept spinning around and around. I couldn't even use the radio to call for help," he said.

"The spacecraft glowed red, pulsated, with a silvery light and another series of bolts of light shone from the bottom of the ship. It zoomed in at what seemed like supersonic speed and circled the ship again.

"Then it hovered in front of the ship, just a few yards away, as if sizing us up. I thought we were going to crash into it.

"Suddenly, after the UFO disappeared, all the ship's instruments began working again as if nothing had happened.

"I radioed authorities about what had happened and they sent planes and ships to scan the area but they came up with nothing," said Capt. Manesha.

Officials searched for days but not a trace of the UFO could be found anywhere.

"We spent days searching the skies for the alleged spaceship but couldn't find anything," said Adi Chandrahar, a spokesman for the coastal city of Batticaloa in Malaya.

"Even though we couldn't find any concrete evidence of the UFO, we know that something highly unusual did happen out there because of the damage to the ship.

"Only extremely rough seas like you'd experience in a severe storm could cause that kind of damage and there wasn't a cloud in the sky.

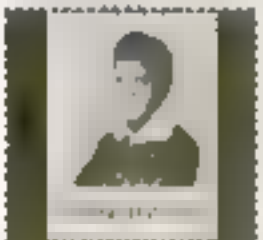
"We're calling this incident an official UFO sighting because there's no other explanation for what happened."

Wedding gown found in road

Ernie Chaffin is hoping someone will call him to claim the precious keepsake he ran over with his car — a beautiful, white, full-length wedding gown!

Chaffin routed the driver in a tale he ran over on I-275 near Cincinnati, Ohio. He placed a lost-and-found ad in the Cincinnati Enquirer but nobody claimed the gown.

"It's still in my living room draped across my couch," Chaffin said.



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Faithful dog takes a bullet to save her master's life!

A gentle pooch named Chelsea saved her master and a neighbor from almost certain death when she boldly attacked two armed punks — and was gunned down at point-blank range.

By DICK DONOVAN

And despite her life-threatening wound, the heroic 3½-year-old golden retriever trailed the gunmen for three blocks after they fled in their getaway car.

"There's no question she saved our lives," said her grateful owner Chris Dittmer, who rewarded the pooch with a steak dinner and all the tranquilizer for her courageous act. "When she sprang at the gunman, she gave us our chance to run to safety.

"One of the gunmen fired all three shots at us as we ran to my garage. I hate to think what might have happened if Chelsea hadn't been there."

Dittmer, 48, was standing in the driveway of his Houston home one night talking with his neighbor Bill Richbuhler. Chelsea was sprawled at their feet.

Suddenly, two men stepped out of the shadows with guns drawn. Two more men lurked in the background.

"One guy had an automatic in his hand with his arm straight out and the gun pointed right at my head," Dittmer recalled. "The other guy had a revolver pointed at my head.

"The big guy with the automatic ordered us to step over to him.

"The next thing I knew, Chelsea was in the air, her legs bared.

"She looked six feet long. Her legs were stretched out, her tail was straight back. Her snarl just filled the air.

"The big guy fired and I saw Chelsea take a bullet in the shoulder. She just folded up in midair.

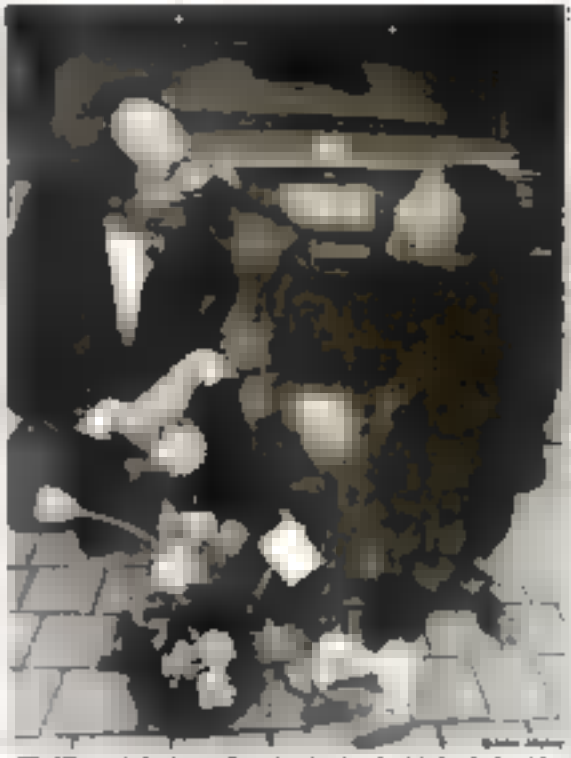
"But she gave us the time we needed to make a run for the garage. The big guy got off three shots and I saw the car window explode as I ran past.

"I hit the door leading to the house, but it was locked. Then I hit the garage door chime and it started to move down very slowly. It seemed to take forever."

With Dittmer and Richbuhler safely in the garage, the gunmen fled. And Chelsea, blood spurting from her wound, went after them.

Dittmer found her after she had trailed the getaway car for about three blocks. He took her to a 24-hour veterinary clinic for treatment.

"She seems to be doing fine now," Dittmer said. "But the vet said we have to keep a close watch for any signs of spleen loss."



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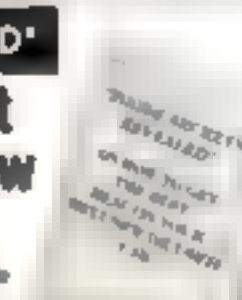

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Don't make valuable time.

LEO
July 23-Aug. 22

You could meet a stranger who will possibly have your life in a new direction.

Your deep desire to be loyal to everything you do is fulfilled this week as life smiles on your every undertaking.

Your diligence and hard work will pay big dividends soon.

Someone you greatly respect will guide you on what not to do to make valuable time money.

Sponge on one you hold dear. The rewards will make you glad you did.

VIRGO
Aug. 23-Sept. 22

You've been racking your brains for ways to improve him or her — but the answer is as plain as the nose on your face.

Be your usual charming self, gamble a little — and that special message will be coming out of your head to you soon.

Start with the number 7 in matters of chance. Treasure it dear.

Too risk turn a run of good luck into a marathon of great fortune by hustling more and working even harder than usual.

LIBRA
Sept. 23-Oct. 22

Sometimes luring isn't enough — sometimes push comes to shove and you have to rear up and get tough.

Somebody close is trying to run off over you, and the only course of action is not to get ugly.

Stand up for yourself, and let your loved one know you deserve better. You'll never regret it.

There past the storm, you're in for smooth sailing.

Everyone has financial — it just so happens that yours are on the brink of coming true.

SCORPIO
Oct. 23-Nov. 21

Your insights and intuitions are right on the money this week. Pay close attention to what that little voice inside tells you and don't be afraid to act on impulse.

This is the perfect week to let down your hair and have fun. Go to parties — or plan a couple yourself. You deserve a break — even if you have to make it yourself.

Romance is featured this week — and a super-sexy person is involved. Enjoy yourself, but guard against getting hurt — and hurt.

SAGITTARIUS
Nov. 22-Dec. 21

This is a great week to show off your many talents. Forget modesty, for once, and let everybody know you're the person to watch. Great good luck is with you.

People you hardly even know are taking an unusual interest in your financial affairs. There's nothing wrong with that — if they aren't trying to delve too deeply into your affairs.

If they are, stand up and be counted. You are in charge and with who may confronting.

CAPRICORN
Dec. 22-Jan. 19

A very attractive person is hunting to help you in matters of love. Give them a gentle nudge, and take whatever advice they give.

While it may seem like people have been overlooking you, nothing could be further from the truth. You're on the crest of a wave. Ride it for all it's worth.

Something that happens at the end of the week will have a profound effect on your financial situation, though you may not realize it for some time.

AQUARIUS
Jan. 20-Feb. 18

You are bold — and this is one week you'd be wise to ignore it.

That's right — ignore anything in writing your partner this week, especially where romance and finances are concerned.

Living on the edge can be great fun, but it can also wear you down.

Relax, and let others you've been helping take the reins for a while.

Be alert to a need at home.

Focus your subconscious thoughts on what's REALLY happening in your life — and take it from there.

PISCES
Feb. 19-Mar. 20

You've been on a financial ledge lately — and thanks to a friend and his money-making instincts, you finally fall into a very welcome pot of gold.

Blush some envy — then have the time of your life.

Someone is trying to send you a message that could have a big impact on your life — romantically and emotionally.

Pay close attention to even the most casual conversations or you'll miss this important news.

If your birthday is this week . . .

Any setbacks that befall you this year are apt to be blessings in disguise.

Take another look at your dreams and goals. If necessary, and you have plans take effect.

Anything that you begin now will start with success!

Your only shoot looks like smooth sailing. Life will be satisfying and even humorous.

A boost with ill health on the family will pass without serious harm.

The number 5 figures heavily for you in the next 12 months. It should bring you luck in many endeavors.

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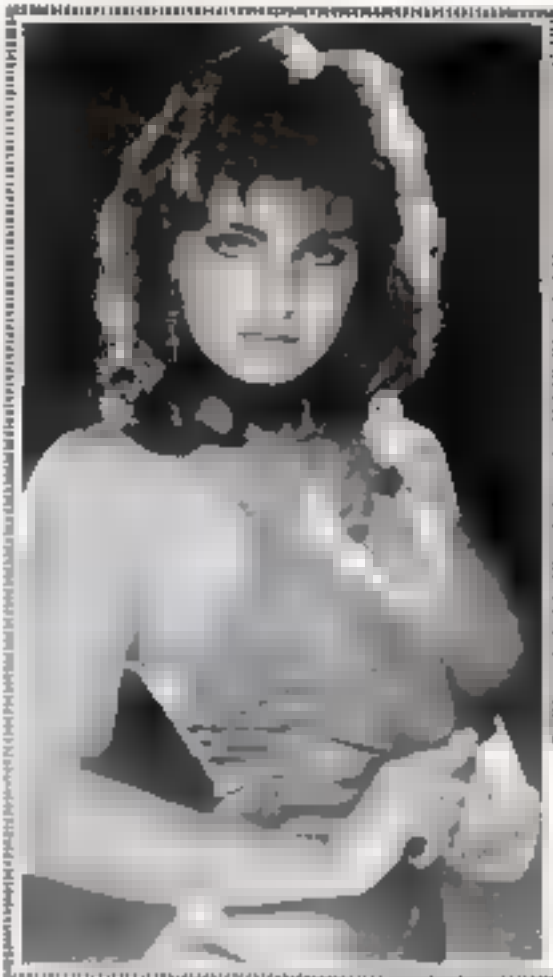
Your Lucky Lottery Numbers

Readers all over the country are using Countess Saleh's Lucky Lottery Numbers to help them win big bucks. You will find the Countess' Lucky Numbers right here each week to help you become a winner, too! To find your Lucky Numbers, simply look them up under your birth sign in the chart below. For extra luck, throw in your birthdate.

Aries	Mar. 21 – Apr. 19	1, 14, 15, 18, 22, 43	Libra	Sept. 23 – Oct. 22	4, 12, 15, 22, 24, 36
Taurus	Apr. 20 – May 20	11, 17, 20, 28, 38, 40	Scorpio	Oct. 23 – Nov. 21	1, 9, 13, 21, 31, 42
Gemini	May 21 – June 20	2, 10, 22, 26, 33, 42	Sagittarius	Nov. 22 – Dec. 21	20, 21, 24, 28, 34, 39
Cancer	June 21 – July 22	10, 16, 18, 26, 40, 45	Capricorn	Dec. 22 – Jan. 19	3, 13, 19, 24, 34, 44
Leo	July 23 – Aug. 22	3, 12, 13, 14, 22, 31	Aquarius	Jan. 20 – Feb. 18	12, 17, 27, 33, 38, 47
Virgo	Aug. 23 – Sept. 22	7, 11, 21, 23, 34, 37	Pisces	Feb. 19 – Mar. 20	10, 16, 20, 31, 41, 46



Jilted woman gets her revenge — where it hurts!

She takes bite out of luvrival's breast

By RICK DONOVAN
Staff writer

Jilted nurse Barbara Wilcox didn't mince words when she caught her ex-boyfriend in the sack with a wealthy merry widow — she took a bite out of her love rival's boob!

And as blood gushed from pretty Meryl Waldrop's right breast, she pleaded tearfully, "Please help me. You're a nurse aren't you?"

But instead Barbara was not about to spoil the sight of Meryl writhing in her embrace.

"I'm not here in my professional capacity," she spat out venomously.

The scary soap opera began when Barbara spotted her ex-lover Dirk Lincoln buying a ruby country club near Rushmore, Wilcox.

She called the couple to Lincoln's farm, where he went into the house with blonde bombshell Meryl clinging to his arm like white on rice.

Pacing and fuming, Barbara hung around outside, knowing full well what the cuddly twosome was up to in their comfy little love nest.

Finally Barbara could suffer her fury no more. Throwing caution and sanity to the wind, she stormed through the house and into the master bedroom, where Lincoln and Meryl were engaged in a more intimate exercise of passion.

What happened next was reportedly recorded during Barbara's trial on a charge of causing grievous bodily harm.

"She pushed a telephone toward Mrs. Waldrop and cried: 'Report her to cell the police,'" Prosecutor David Wade told the court.

"Then she bit Mrs. Waldrop's right breast, inflicting a gaping flesh puncture wound."

In the end, Barbara agreed to post a peace bond and she was allowed to go on her way.

Mrs. Waldrop is said to be recovering slowly and should have herself stitches in no time at all.

HOT NUMBER

Sizzling Sue Ashton is ready to set the world on fire with her calendar for a magazine company has boosted sales by 20 percent. Inset: Sue figures all that good quality magazine and has to be careful for her modelling and acting careers.

BEER NUTS IN RUSSIA!

Beer-loving Russians are going to step up the malt production in Moscow from 370 million litres to 600 million gallons by the year 2000.

Cripple dies in van stuck for two days

A wheelchair-bound cripple died and his paraplegic pal suffered from exposure when their van got stuck in a ditch — and they spent two days in freezing weather.

A hunter discovered Mark Bonner, 30, and John Gordon, 28, by a creek bed near Redding, Calif. Bonner was dead of exposure or injuries from tumbling down the creek bank.

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Fightin' feline is one DOGGONE tough kitty

By ROSE GRADY

Homeowner Ken Mercure has a grim warning for roving pooches unlucky enough to have wandered into his front yard — "Beware of the Cat!"

[illegible] Ken said. The NEWS, with a note of awe in his voice. "She's really a very friendly cat to my next door neighbor's three dogs."

"They often touch noses through the fence.

"But if another dog comes into our yard . . . look out! She's a real tigress.

"I don't know why she doesn't like stray dogs. I got her when the people who owned her moved and left her behind. She was about a year old then."

That was three years ago.

"There was one dog that had to come here twice before he learned his lesson," 70-year-old Ken recalled from his home in Pittsfield, Maine.

"The first time he came around here, Goldie chased him off.

"Then, about five or 10 minutes later, he crept back and Goldie got after him. She was like a ball of golden fur streaking across the yard. I haven't see that dog since."

But Ken and his wife Evelyn fretted that Goldie might hurt someone's expensive pet. So they decided to put up a warning sign.

It hangs on the side of their house and it reads, "DOGS — Beware of the CAT."

"I don't want a lawsuit," Ken said.

Motorists cheer rapist during attack on woman

Hush-brained drivers shouted, "Give it to her" and "Way to go, guy," when a man tried to rape a screaming woman at a busy intersection in Calgary, Alberta, a stunned witness reports.

Brian Daroski said he was waiting in his car at a red light when he saw a middle-aged man jump out of the car stopped in front of him.

"She was terrified, yelling 'Help me. Help me!'" said Daroski, 24, who instantly bailed the driver and tried to assist the woman. He was confronting by a man who had his pants down around his knees.

"The guy was holding her down, trying to force her into the car," said Daroski.

"All the other people are doing is yelling, 'Give it to her' and 'Way to go, guy.'"

Daroski managed to pluck the boys from the attention of the man's car. Police took a 31-year-old suspect into custody.

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TITANS OF WRESTLING!

Swingin' granny

Rainy weather didn't dampen Ethel Andrews' spirits as she enjoys a swinging afternoon at Riverview Park in Ennice, Ore. "I get on the swing once in a while because it's so much fun," says Ethel.

Man drops his glass eye into buddy's beer & starts barroom war!

By MARTHA ATKINS

Practical joker Robert Clark got thrown in the slammer after starting a barroom brawl when he dropped his glass eye in a drinking buddy's beer!

The 38-year-old prankster popped out his fake eyeball after Mark Pratt went to the men's room saying: "Keep an eye on my drink."

All the regulars at the Eagle and Child bar in Conisborough, England, broke out in hysterical laughter over the prank but Pratt wasn't amused in the least. He promptly dumped his drink over Clark's head.

After his drenching, Clark squashed his glass into his pal's face, causing a deep gash. Then he high-tailed it out of there, leaving his glass eye behind. A massive brawl then broke out and a friend of Clark's, Dennis Hargreaves, clubbed Pratt with a bar stool, knocking him out cold.

After the dust settled, Clark and Hargreaves, both of Ellington, ended up in jail for their part in the free-for-all.

Clark's attorney, Peter Benson, defended him in court saying: "It was meant as a joke but the victim didn't see it that way."

He was sentenced to 10 months in the hoosegow after admitting unlawful wounding and failing to surrender to bail. And Hargreaves was given a one-year suspension jail sentence and ordered to pay $500 compensation. Clark got his eye back but he's banned forever from the the Eagle and Child!

PLOP! . . . went Robert Clark's glass eye. That prank was the beginning of one hell of a barroom brawl!

Chest pain mystery solved

Women labeled as hysterical or neurotic because they have chest pains that can't be diagnosed are often suffering from a treatable disorder of the small arteries, a new study reveals.

Dr. Richard Cannon of the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute in Bethesda, Md., says the women experience intense pain because blood flow is blocked in tiny arteries.

The condition is treatable. But conventional tests often fail to uncover the problem. As a result, many sufferers "have been mislabeled as neurotic or hysterical" and are being treated for psychiatric disorders, the

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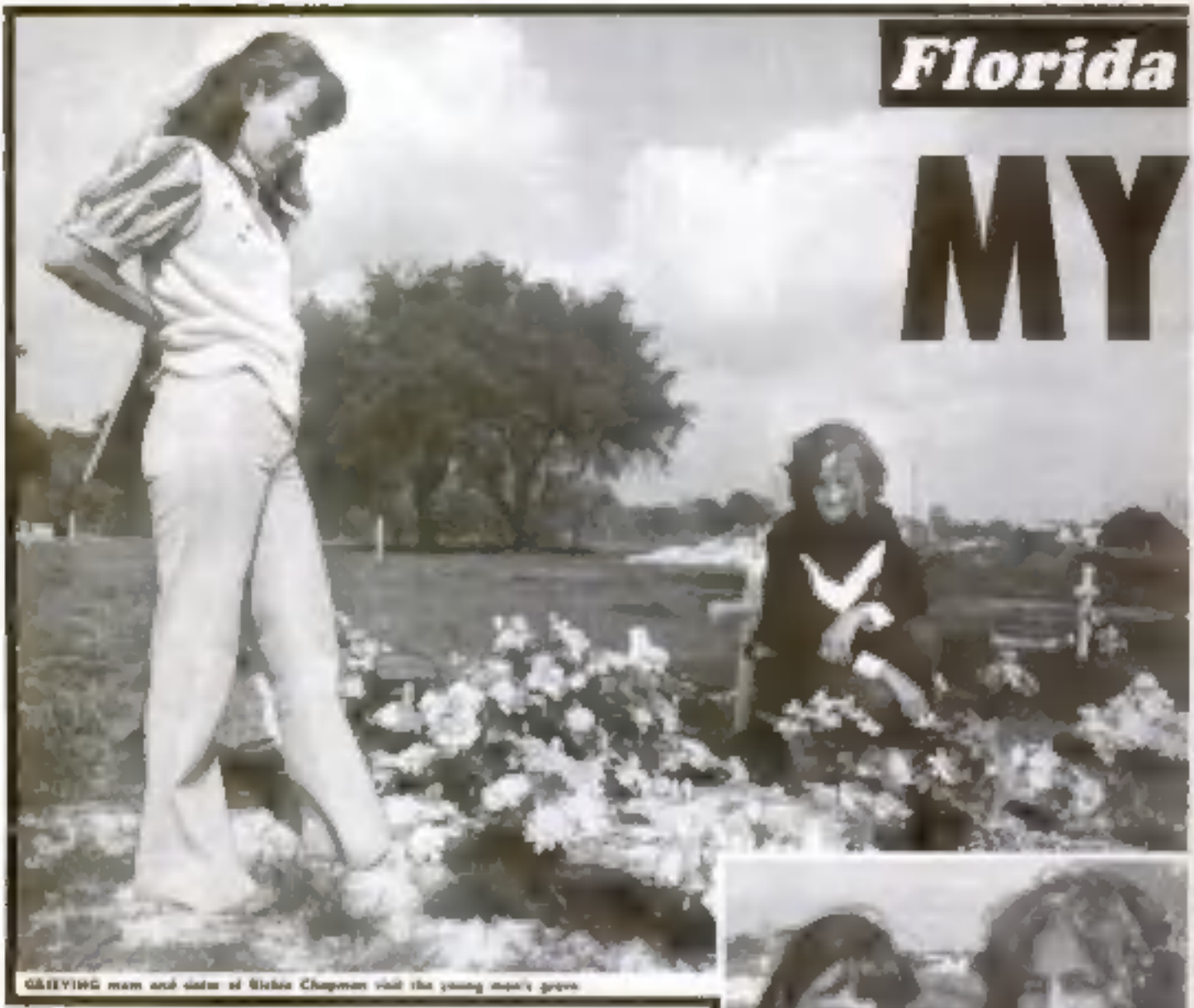


GRIEVING mom and sister of Vickie Chapman visit the young mom's grave

PATRICIA Lawrence, left, and her mom hold a picture of

Panty thief just borrows 'em — he always mails them back

Cops say they've got a yard-carrying nut on their hands — a kinky weirdo who swipes women's panties and mails 'em back a few days later

By ALEX JACKSON

At least three Salt Lake City, Utah, women have received a package in the mail containing their own underwear.

"They didn't even know they had been burglarized until they opened the packages and dumped out their own undies," said Detective Jim Beal.

In each case, the thief has written a badly spelled note apologizing for his theft. "My friend is sorry about this, this mission impossible stuff three years ago," said one note stuffed in a package returning two pairs of panties. "Now he's converted and he wants to give back all the things he has stolen."

One of the victims said she was a panties less that was mailed back only a few days earlier, amounting to theft.

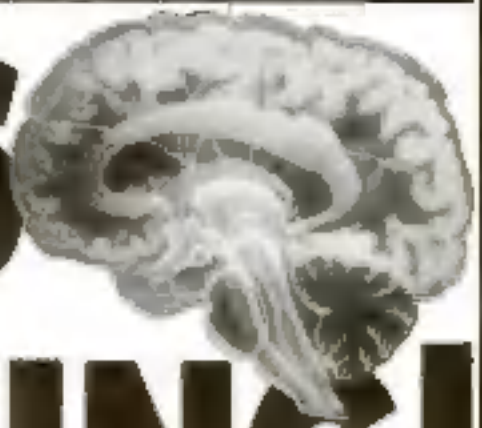
One of the notes also suggested the victim buy a new bra. "This one is old and has holes in it," said the thief.

There is no evidence the panty pilferer steals anything but underwear. And he never leaves a clue.

"We've found no sign of forcible entry in any of the places, no doors jimmied or windows

boy screams from the grave . . .

BRAIN IS MISSING!



By JACK ALEXANDER
Staff writer

Heartbroken Patricia Lawrence didn't know her dead brother had been buried without his brain until he screamed from his grave — and begged her to find it.

"He spoke to me in a dream the night of his funeral," said Mrs. Lawrence. "He said, 'Sis, I'm empty. Something is wrong. My brain is missing. You've got to help me.'"

If not for the frantic cries from the coffin, the family of Richie Chapman never would have known a medical examiner, acting in accordance with state law, cut out Richie's brain after he died in a motorcycle crash last year near Okeechobee, Fla.

"Saving a brain for a more detailed exam is a very common and frequent occurrence in autopsies when a person dies of a head injury," said Medical Examiner Thomas Hegert.

But the family is bitter and angry with a bureaucracy that permits a corpse to be hobbyized without the permission of the next of kin.

"They stole my son's brain and they should give it back," said anguished mom Mary Ann Chapman.

"We will have it cremated and put in Richie's coffin so he will be whole again."

Mrs. Lawrence said she and Richie made a pact when they were kids and save body parts floating in formaldehyde solution at a local county fair freak show.

"We vowed never to let each other be buried without all our body parts," Mrs. Lawrence told The NEWS.

"I feel like I let Richie down."

Richie's mom said the family had talked about death several months before her son was killed.

"Richie said he didn't want an open casket 'cause he didn't want anyone working at him."

Shattered family to bureaucrats: 'You stole it — now give it back!'

cent the undertaker putting makeup on him cause he wasn't no faggot.

"And he didn't want anyone taking his body parts for experimental purposes or to give to a widower. We promised him we wouldn't let that happen . . . but it did."

Richie has talked to his sister many times since he died. "I hear his voice in the darkness, begging me to find his brain so he can rest in peace," said Mrs. Lawrence.

"I have nightmares of him lying in his casket with his blue jeans and blue shirt on — and the top of his head is missing.

"I believe whatever a person needs to survive on Earth, he will need to survive in heaven and that includes a brain."

Dr. Hegert said he would return Richie's brain to the family as soon as he gets a request from Mrs. Chapman and her husband, Richard.

"He should return the brain now without any more red tape or requests," said Mrs. Lawrence.

"I feel like Richie's in the middle of nowhere, looking down to us to help him be whole. You just don't know what it's like to have your

SNAPSHOT, left, shows Patricia and Richie sharing a laugh. After his death he came to her in a dream to tell her they had taken his brain.

Top cities for working moms

Go north, young women — the best city for working moms is Minneapolis-St. Paul.

The Twin Cities head Working Mother magazine's top-10 list of the best U.S. metropolitan areas with its quality child care, good public schools and many excellent job opportunities.

"There's no better place right now for working mothers than the Twin Cities," said Working Mother.

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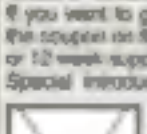

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